



## News Letter – November 2018

As the children have now started back into term 2, the PTFA at Ryarsh school have started to prepare for Christmas and the events that lead up to the end of the calendar year.

Due to a reduction in the number of available people, we have had to look at how we produce the newsletter, which while only sent out a few times a year does take time to put together, so for this year it will have a slightly more formal look to it.

### Important dates for your diary!

#### Donations needed for the School Christmas Bazaar.

Donations start from the 9<sup>th</sup> November and continue each Friday.

Non-uniform day will be the 30<sup>th</sup> November (with an optional Christmas jumper theme).

- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Lucky Dip/Sweets and new children's Tombola items
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Bottle Tombola, New alcohol, soft drinks & toiletries
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Hamper items & unwanted gift packs. Luxury food items. Chocolates, toiletries, gifts etc.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Cakes/Bric-a-Brac  
Please No books or DVDs
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Secret Santa Donation day

#### But it's not just about your donations.

Please come and support us to turn your donations and hard work into funds for the school.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec PTFA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
1-3pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Secret Santa day  
9-12pm

Please contact Julie Casburn by phone on 07951 251402 or by email [julie.casburn@kongadev.com](mailto:julie.casburn@kongadev.com) or find her in the playground.

### Fundraising

#### Objectives for 2018/2019

This year we continue with the primary fundraising focus being directed towards the new school hall.

Now that the structure is rising from the ground, we are starting to look at what the PTFA can provide. Mrs Austin has already identified the following items that are not in the KCC budget:

- 📺 Audio Visual Equipment
- 🏊 School Hall PE Apparatus

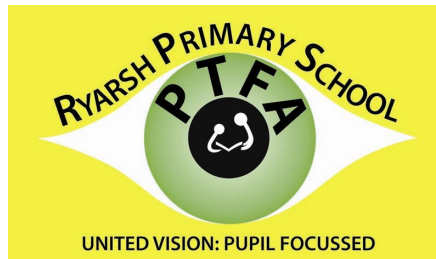
We will also continue to fund the following:

- 📺 The cost of the coach for school day trips
- 🎭 The School Christmas Pantomime
- 🎭 Class Christmas parties

If you feel that there are other items that we could fund, please discuss with Mrs Austin who is always happy to listen.

### 2017-2018 Fundraising

Did you know we were lucky enough to raise over **£11,000** in the last school year? We spend over **£6,000** and will be using the balance towards the new school buildings.



Have you heard of the Ryarsh 100 Club?  
It's a great way to be in with a chance of winning money every month!

Email: [ptfa@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk)  
or Find Ali Arnold in the Playground.

### Recycle with Michael!

Your unwanted shoes, clothes, hand bags etc can earn the school £££'s. It has been a great success so far, please keep up the good work and clear your clutter.

The bin is situated in the staff car park adjacent to the school gate.



### Armchair Fundraising

Use **Easyfundraising** when shopping online and the school gets a donation as a direct result?

Amazon, Apple, Waitrose, Next, Argos, Thomson & many more support this activity. There are No subscriptions, no fees, no catch. Sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ryarshptfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ryarshptfa)

Does your company or one that you know of offer **match funding**? Look on your company's intranet site, this year one of our parents received a **£350** donation from their employer just by filling in a form stating how many hours of support he had provided to the school in the year.

### Please get involved...

We are always looking for more people to help with the PTFA.

The PTFA is a voluntary role and occasionally people move on or can no longer commit. It is important that all parents are aware, that if we cannot refresh the committee or get assistance in the running of events; that at some point in the future there will no longer be a fundraising body in the school which will affect the resources provided for your children.

Even if you can only help once a year it will make a huge difference. You will not be expected to help at every event or go to endless meetings – it really isn't that bad!

Contact us by email on [ptfa@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk) or look for Sarah Sproul, Sarah Godsil or Gary Cowan in the Playground