



Avondale Parents' Association (PA) Newsletter

April 2018

WELCOME

The Summer Term has arrived and it'll be a busy one. The Parents' Association have lots planned to meet our fundraising target before the formal opening of the Astro-Turf on the Prep Field Athletics Day on 27 Jun. Our target is **£5000** and, so far, we've raised c£3400 therefore we need your support to close the gap. More details of how we aim to do that below.

To improve communication and not rely solely on emails, we have started an **Avondale Preparatory School Parents' Association Facebook Page**. Please follow the page for the latest information.

BAND IN A BARN – FRI 11 MAY

The main fundraising/social event of the year is the 'Band in a Barn' on Fri 11 May, at Viney's Barn (West Amesbury), 7.30 for 8 pm. **More information on this will go in book bags.** We must have your returns in by Fri 27 Apr so we can make the necessary plans for the evening – please don't leave it until the last minute. There is a planning meeting on 4 May at 0815.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

The Nursery Rep, Chloe Mills, has established an Auction of Promises Website where parents can bid for 'promises'. Any donations for additional promises should be forwarded to Chloe. The closing date for bids is Wed 9 May.

NEXT PA MEETING – FRI 8 JUN (0815)

The Parents' Association meets once every half-term (normally on a Fri in the Dining Room from 8.15 am) and all parents are very welcome to attend. Ideas for new activities and additional volunteers would be much appreciated, as would any support you may be able provide to your Class Rep. As a reminder, they are:

Nursery: Chloe Mills

Reception: Sheryl Davis

Treasurer: Rachel Willis

Years 1: Claire Button

Year 2: Annie Sawkill

Years 3/4: Sarah Strange

Year 6: Annabel Pettit

Year 6: Ali Rawlins

Chair: Claire Button

Sec: Hannah Sandu

Treasurer: Rachel Willis

Volunteers: Pauline Coleman-Moore, Morag Sheather and Abby Runyard.

PA AGM – 29TH JUN 18 – SCHOOL HALL

All parents are encouraged to attend the PA AGM in the School Hall on **29 Jun at 3 pm**. The accounts will be presented, the constitution will be refreshed and next years' committee will be decided. Please come and have your say.



BAG 2 SCHOOL – 15 JUN 18

It's that time again so please start collecting old clothes, shoes (tied together), bedding and soft toys. Bag2school bags will be sent home in book bags after half-term but please fill additional bags if you can. The more bags (weight), the more money for the PA's initiatives so please dig deep into those wardrobes and let's see if we can beat last years' figure of £300.

ICE CREAM SALES – 25 MAY, 27 JUN & 4 JUL

Ice Cream Sales will take place after school on the above dates from 3.20pm.

SCHOOL BRANDED BAGS (PREP)

The Year 2 Rep, Annie Sawkill, has kindly produced some good quality, branded school and sports bags for Prep children. These are available to order for £20 each. They are better quality and smarter than many available on the High Street and a proportion of the cost will go to the PA so do please take a look at the pictures (soon to be published) on Facebook and to be sent via email. EYFS and Pre-prep children are to continue using their School Book Bags.

ANNUAL SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC – FRI 6 JUL

The annual school family picnic will take a similar format to previous years however we will not be providing a BBQ as we made a loss on that last year. It will be £5 per family. There will be: bouncy inflatables, a raffle and a 100-square board with cash prizes.

EASY FUNDRAISING

One easy way the PA can receive funds is through online shopping. Most of the major companies (e.g. John Lewis, Tesco, Amazon, etc) use Easy Fundraising to donate (either a fixed amount or a percentage of the cost of items) to good causes. Some travel sites (e.g. Expedia) donate up to 6% of the cost therefore please consider booking your summer holiday via one of the participating companies. Please sign up to Easy Fundraising by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and searching for Avondale Parents Association, Bulford as your cause. It's such an easy way to raise money for the PA with **no added cost to you**. So far, we've raised £1693 in this manner. Can you become the top fundraiser(?), a title currently held by someone who has left the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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