

## Loddon Primary School Parent & Teacher Association (PTA)

# NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the PTA newsletter. Please find below information from the AGM, upcoming events and fundraising goals.**

### PTA Annual General Meeting

Following our AGM on Wednesday 27th September, the committee for the 2017-18 year has been elected. Your PTA officers are:

Chair – Becky Chard (mum to Jessica in Year 2 and Ben in F1)

Treasurer – Jo Taylor (mum to Nathan in Year 3 and Grace in F2)

Secretary – Camilla Lovell (mum to Jonas in Year 4 and Mason in Year 2)

A full list of committee members and the minutes from the meeting will be published on the Loddon School website shortly ([www.loddonprimary.co.uk/pta](http://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/pta)).

### Fundraising

In 2016-17, you supported the PTA in raising a fantastic £8,500 for the school. The PTA are saving up to help with the purchase of new playground equipment for the school. This will hopefully include 2 new smaller Pirate Ships for the FSU area and one much larger Pirate Galleon for the main school playground.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who supported the PTA in the past year for your hard work, support and commitment to helping us to enrich the school for the benefit of all pupils.

### Upcoming events

**Half term craft activity** - please look out for this in your child's school bag the week before half term and remember to hand back in after half term. Winners will be announced during assembly the first week of November.

**Glow Disco** - Will be held on Friday 24th November. Look out for posters and parentmail information closer to the date. The disco will follow the same format as previous years however due to the building work the entry/exit route will change. The Glow Disco will be open to children in Years 1-6.

**Paint Night** - The PTA has been in touch with a local artist to trial an evening Paint Night experience for adults only. This will be a great chance to have a go at canvas painting whilst socialising and getting to know other parents. More to follow soon.

**Peter Pan Panto at the Hexagon** - The PTA have been lucky in securing some awesome premium seats for this year's pantomime performance at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. A Parentmail has been sent out with further information on how to purchase tickets.

**Christmas celebration** - Sadly due to the building work we won't be able to have a Christmas fair as per previous years. The PTA are currently discussing alternative ideas for a Christmas Celebration/fundraiser. If anyone has any wonderful ideas we would love to hear about them.

**FSU Pajamas Party** - Will take place straight after school on Thursday 23rd November. This event is mainly run by the teachers and TA's at the Foundation Unit. Theme and further information to follow.

**Christmas Cards** - Apparently the children have already been busy designing their Christmas cards for this year. We look forward to seeing all the amazing designs. Information on how to purchase your child's card will be sent out in November.

### Upcoming Events:

*PTA Committee Meeting*  
**Wednesday 1st NOV**  
*- all parents & carers welcome*  
8pm in The HUT

*Paint Night*  
**tbc - evening event**  
*Adults only*

*FSU Pyjama Party*  
**Thursday 23rd November**  
*Foundation Unit only*

*Autumn Disco*  
**Friday 24th November**  
*Years 1-6*

*Peter Pan Pantomime at the Hexagon*  
**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

*Details of the above events will be sent out nearer to the time. We're also looking forward to running a couple of competitions and the ever popular Christmas card project.*

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### Parent Survey

Thanks to all who kindly filled in our short online survey. We have had some good feedback and will look at the results at our next meeting. The winner of the £10 Amazon voucher has been drawn and will be notified shortly.

### 'Happy Helpers'

If you'd like to help out, there are many ways you can contribute. We hope to create an email list of Happy Helpers who we can email from time to time when help is needed. This is a good way to be involved without feeling you have to attend meetings and help plan and organise event. If you would like to be added to the Happy Helpers email list please write to us on [pta@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pta@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

**Online shopping** - Do you shop online? If so, you could help us out by signing up with Easyfundraising - it only takes a few minutes and we could earn a percentage back on your spending, at no cost to you or the school. Check out [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/loddonprimarieschoolpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/loddonprimarieschoolpta)

**Your time and your ideas** – we're really keen to be inclusive to all parents & carers. If you have any feedback or any ideas for events or fundraising activities, we'd love to hear from you. Committee meetings take place half termly and you're always welcome to join us, or you can contact the PTA on [pta@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pta@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) if you'd like to get in touch.

**Second hand uniform sales** – we're always looking for donations of good quality secondhand uniforms for our sales, for which all proceeds go to the PTA. Please hand in your unwanted items to the school office.

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