

Welcome from the PTFA

Welcome to CVPS, we hope you and your children will be very happy here. We're lucky to have a very active Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) at the school and with funding for schools being increasingly stretched, the role of the PTFA and involvement of parents in fundraising has never been more important. We'd love you to get involved during your time at the school and want to make sure you have all the information you need in order to do that.

Here's what we think you'd like to know but feel free to get in touch if there's something you think we've missed. Everyone is welcome at our monthly PTFA meeting - it really is a good way to get more involved in your school community.

We are a charity

We have registered charitable status as a PTFA and our constitution sets out the rules about how we operate. If you'd like to see a copy of it, just get in touch.

Being a charity means we can receive charitable donations; apply for grants from charitable trusts; receive match funding; and apply for Gift Aid. There's a bit more about match funding later on but if you think your company offer the scheme, please let us know – it really can make such a difference to the money we raise.

Contact details...

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Our constitution

To make sure the PTFA is complying with our constitution, we have a committee, made up of both teachers and parents, who agree and sign-off where funds should be spent based on what is discussed at regular PTFA meetings.

The current committee members are:

Chair: Clare Rackham, Deputy Head Teacher

Vice Chair: Robert Bergs

Treasurer: Sally Calder

2nd Treasurer: Sue Griffiths

Secretary: Shelly Rowe

Committee members: Martin Roughley (Head Teacher); Claire Matthias; Vikki Pope; Suzannah Seegobin; Julia Orr; Denise Rowden

As a parent at the school, you are now a member of the PTFA and can come along to our meetings, which are held at the school, to share and listen to ideas. It really makes such a difference when our parents get involved.

How we communicate...

We try and use as many channels of communication as possible to make sure all our parents have an opportunity to find out what events are going on and how you can get involved. Our PTFA letters will be sent to you via email from the school – these might include more information about upcoming events and what we need from you, or a summary of how much was raised and where it will be spent. We have notice boards in each of the playgrounds so you can keep an eye out for posters and news and there is a dedicated section on the school website that includes minutes from our meetings and other useful information – www.chipsteadvalley.com/parent-information/ptfa.

We also aim to appoint a PTFA Class rep for each class in the school to communicate our messages as widely as possible, usually via the class Whatsapp group. Keep an eye out for information so you can be kept informed and if you're interested in becoming a class rep please let us know.

Swimming hats

As a welcome to the school from the PTFA, we are funding the cost of swimming hats for your child. Our on-site swimming pool, funded by parents at the time it was built, is enjoyed by children throughout the school. Reception children will start swimming lessons after Christmas so your child's personalised hat will be sent to you before then.

Why it's so important...

"The PTFA work tirelessly to organise events and raise money to provide the school with equipment, facilities and opportunities that otherwise would be impossible to fund from our main school funding.

As a result, our children are able to have experiences that many children in other schools do not have access to.

Many of our children and families love to attend the various events that are held such as the discos and the summer fair which, as well as raising money, help to further develop a sense of community for all that have a connection with the school.

We are very grateful to the PTFA and look forward to working in partnership for many years to come"

Martin Roughley, Head Teacher

What we've funded

We always ask the school to suggest the best way to spend the money we've raised and below are some of the projects and initiatives around the school that have been funded by our parents.

Our constitution commits the PTFA to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly, rather than on improving the fabric of the school. So, if you have a great idea of something that would benefit our children come along to a meeting and discuss it.

Books

The PTFA funded the library along with the purchase of many books, for all ages, throughout the school.

Buddy benches

Buddy benches have been placed in each of our playgrounds. They are colourfully painted, so easy to spot, and the aim of them is as a place for children to sit if they have no one to play with. All of the children are encouraged to keep an eye out for children sitting on the bench and to ask them to join in with them. They've been working really well according to our lunch time supervisors.

Playground equipment

We've updated the wooden play equipment in the reception and KS2 playgrounds. We've purchased new games and equipment, like Connect 4 and Jenga and funded the pond area (pictured) that all of the children enjoy .



ELSA room

The Wishing Well, ELSA room is used to support many children across the school. It provides a calm, safe space for the child to feel supported and nurtured. Each session is planned in advance by the ELSA, and may include a range of activities such as games, puppets, arts and crafts, talking and listening, role play etc. A rug, bean bags, board games and puppets help aid these sessions and these resources have helped to make the Wishing well room inviting for all children.



Digiverse

You'll have seen this interactive immersion suite on your tour of the school and it gets used by all classes as part of their learning, as well as for our Santa's grotto. The PTFA funded the whole cost of the room, which is an amazing addition to our school.



Reading garden

The next project on our list is to help the school create a reading garden in an area to the back of the school. It will be a space where children can enjoy a more peaceful lunchtime if they want to and somewhere class groups can enjoy during lesson times.

How we raise money...

We have a full calendar of successful events that we've run for many years, alongside other opportunities to raise funds for the school. We are always open to new ideas, so if you've seen or heard about something you think could work to raise money, please come along to a PTFA meeting or email us.

Summer Fair

This is the biggest event in our calendar and it's a great opportunity for staff, children, parents and local families to enjoy a fun-filled day at the school.

It's held on the school field and there are performances by the children, games to get involved in and lots of stalls and food and drink stands to entertain everyone.



Christmas Fair

This is our festive fundraiser that usually sees around 500 visitors enjoying stalls, games, food, raffles and a visit from Father Christmas.



Fireworks

Our annual fireworks display is a great community event for local families. We bring in a professional fireworks company to run the display and have music, stalls and food to entertain visitors.

Discos

We run two or three discos during the year, which are always popular with the children. We have a DJ to entertain and volunteers run a number of fund-raising stalls – face painting, tattoos and nail painting; glow toys and trinkets; sweets and hot dogs.

Bags for school/Labels/easy fundraising

We also work with some outside organisations on a commission basis to raise additional funds. We encourage parents to donate charity items for our Bags for School initiative. We have links to the label companies – www.easy2name.com and www.attachatag.com - who give us money back for all orders received. You can also use www.easyfundraising.org.uk when shopping online and the school can receive a cashback.

Pantomime

The PTFA organises a trip to the Pantomime on an annual basis. By negotiating a good price for bulk tickets, we're able to offer cheaper tickets for parents and children, while raising funds for the school.

Christmas cards/mugs

We work with the teachers to produce and deliver Christmas cards and mugs designed by the children. You'll hear more about this in October and they really do make lovely Christmas gifts.



We are part of the 'your school lottery' system, which guarantees a winner in every school community every week, plus a £25,000 weekly grand prize draw too! Parents can sign-up to play at www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chipstead-valley-primary-school and 40% of the money played will go straight back to the school. It's a win win!

How you can support and get involved...

We can't run all of these events and fund school projects without the support of our parents so here are just some of the ways you can get involved...

Volunteering

An hour helping at each event can make such a difference. Each event requires set-up, the running of stalls and serving refreshments and tidying up at the end so we're always asking for help from parents in the run-up to events.

Match funding

Does the company you work for offer a match funding programme? If you're unsure, we've included a list of the companies that openly do so at the back of this newsletter. Match funding enables individuals' donations to a charity to be doubled so we can increase the money we raise at our events. Please get in touch with the PTFA if you're able to support with this.

Raffle/Auction prizes

We have a very popular raffle and an auction at both of our school fairs and are always on the look-out for prizes to be included.

Whether it's a prize donated by your company, a product or service you can offer yourself or an idea for a fantastic prize you think would be a winner, please get in touch.

Christmas cards/mugs

The PTFA receive a proportion of the money raised from the personalised Christmas cards and mugs. For every purchase you make, you'll be donating funds to the school too.

Baking

Do you have a passion for baking? We often run events where we sell cakes – like our Macmillan coffee morning in September - so your baking skills could come in very handy. We run our Chipstead Valley bake-off at our Christmas and Summer Fairs too, so watch out for that.



Mufti donations

In the run-up to both of our fairs, we hold non-uniform days for the children, which they enjoy. Rather than monetary donations, we ask for contributions towards stalls for the fair. Detailed information is issued in the run-up but donations could include a bottle, toiletries, a new toy or bag of sweets.

Batteries, used stamps and vouchers

We also collect these items so we can raise additional money for our charity. If you have any you would like to donate, just bag them up and hand them into the main office so a member of the PTFA can collect them. We can also use the vouchers given out by supermarkets and local retailers such as Woodcote Green Nursery and Coulsdon Home Hardware.



DBS

If you want to help out with school PTFA events, school trips, swimming and reading, you'll need a DBS certificate. It's easy to arrange through the school office. You'll need to provide 3 forms of identification – passport or birth certificate; driving licence and either a bank statement or utility bill dated within the last 3 months.

Paying for PTFA events

The school use a system called Scopay and most of our PTFA events can be paid through there too – you'll need to checkout separately if paying for school items at the same time or your payment won't register. For some events we still take cash and this will be made clear on posters and letters.

We hope this has covered all of the information you will need to know in your first year at our school but if you do have any other questions, please get in touch.

It's fantastic that the input we have in putting on these events can have a direct impact in the experience our children have at CVPS.

Match funding list

If the company you work for is on this list, you may be eligible to ask for match funding. This means that anything you raise for the school could potentially be doubled with your employer's contribution. It just takes an hour of volunteering on a stall and it's a fantastic way to increase the money we raise. Please let us know if you're able to offer match funding through work.

Andersen	Cap Gemini	Industrial Bank of	Procter & Gamble
Accenture	Capital International	Japan	Reuters
Alliance & Leicester	Research	Invensys	Robert Fleming & Co
ABN AMRO	Carlsberg Tetley	J Sainsburys	Rolls Royce
Alfred Dunhill	Celanese Canada Inc	Johnson & Johnson	Royal & Sun Alliance
Alliance Capital	Centrica	JP Morgan	RBS Group
AMEC PLC	Chase Manhattan	Kelloggs	Royal London Mutual
American Express	Foundation	Kingfisher	Insurance
Anglian Water	Churchill Insurance	KPMG	Santander
Am Holdings	Citibank	Legal and General	Seaboard
Arjo Wiggins	Citigroup	Levi Strauss	Seagram Distillers PLC
Arla Foods	Clifford Chance	Littlewoods	Shell
Argos	Cornhill Insurance PLC	Lloyds TSB	Siemens Medical
Asda	Co-Operative Bank	Marks & Spencer	Sigma Securities
Astra Zeneca	Credit Suisse	Marsh & McLennan	Schroders
AT Kearney	Debenhams	McKinsey & Co	Sky
B&Q	De La Rue	Merrill Lynch	Southern Electric
BAA	Deloitte Consulting	Microsoft	Stagecoach Holdings
Bank of America	Deutsche Bank	Midlands Electricity	Sun Life of Canada
Bank of England	DHL	Mitsubishi Chemical	Swiss Bank
Bank of Scotland	Diageo PLC	Mitsubishi Research	Corporation
Bank of Tokyo-	Direct Line	Institute	Tesco
Mitsubishi	Dixons	Morgan Stanley	Thames Water
Bankers Trust	Dresdner Kleinwort	Mercury Asset	UGC LTD
Barclaycard	Eli Lilly	Management	Ulster Bank
Barclays Bank	EMI	National Grid	Unilever
Barclays Capital	Enterprise Oil PLC	Natwest Group	United Airlines
Barclays Group	Ericsson Telecom	NCR Corporation	United Utilities
Barclays Wealth	Ernst & Young	NFC	Vodafone
Barney	Exxon Mobil	Northern Electric	Warner Music Intl
Bayer PLC	Fidelity Investments	Northern Rock	Wasserstein
BG Group	First Bus	Norwich Union	Whitbred
Bibby Line	Ford Motor Company	N Power	W H Smith
BNFL	Fujitsu	O2	Woolwich PLC
Booker PLC	Gap	Pearson	Yorkshire Bank
Boots	General Electric PLC	Peugeot Motor	Yorkshire Water
Boston Consulting	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Company PLC	
Group	Goldman Sachs	Philip Morris	
BP	Guardian Royal	Companies	
Bradford & Bingley	Exchange	Philips	
Bristol-Myers Squibb	HBOS	PPG Industries	
British Gas	HSBC	Foundation	
BT	IBM	pwc	
Cadent	IDEO		
Camelot			

Calendar of events

The dates for 2019/20 haven't been confirmed for all events yet but this will give you an idea of what we have planned. Keep an eye out for more information and dates.

September	October	November
Friday 27 th – 9am Macmillan Big Coffee Morning	Adult Bingo night Disco Christmas card orders	Saturday 7 th - Fireworks
December	January	February
Christmas Bazaar Christmas Fair Christmas Panto – Redhill	Comedy night	Saturday 1 st – Wine tasting at Grape Variety, Chipstead Disco
March	April	May
Adult quiz night Nearly new sale	Easter event	Colour run
June	July	August
Happy Circus	Summer Fair	

*All dates are subject to change