



Newsletter September 2011

Hello and Welcome

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves and offer a big welcome to all our new parents and children who have joined us for the first time. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a fund raising and events committee for the school which organizes many varied events throughout the year which can be enjoyed by children and adults alike. All money raised goes back directly to the children.

There is a designated PTA area on the school website, just visit www.catherinewayte.swindon.sch.uk and click on 'PTA'.

Look at what we achieved last year...

Through the generous support of the parents, pupils, staff and governors of our school, events organised by the PTA during the school year 2010/2011 have raised enough money to pay for the following:

£3 per pupil towards a school trip - £1000	6 new cameras - £518
3 interactive whiteboards - £7000	10 th Anniversary Balloons - £414
A whole school visit from Jungle Jonathan - £550	Easter competition - £60
The Living Eggs - £300	Miscellaneous - £250
Year 6 Leavers gifts - £500	
Total = £10,592	

This is a fantastic achievement and wouldn't have been possible without the support of everyone involved with the school. The PTA would like to thank you all and we look forward to seeing you all at our events during this school year, the list of which is below.

Upcoming Events

Cake Sale (details below)	- 17 th October
PTA AGM	- 18 th October
Fireworks Display	- 3 rd November
Hamper Donation Non Uniform Day	- 9 th December
Santa School Visit	- 16 th December
Christmas Cards	- November
Valentine's Cake Sale	- 6 th February
Easter Competition	- March
Easter Discos	- March (exact date to be confirmed)
Summer Fete	- 6 th July
End of Year Discos	- 18 th July

Full details for each event will be sent to you nearer the time.

Autumn Cake Sale – Monday 17th October

It's the turn of Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Years 1 and 2) to provide cakes for us to sell. Please bring them to school on that morning in clearly labelled containers. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring in a max. of £1 to buy cakes in school time. Key Stage 1 children can come along to the hall with their parents to buy their cakes after school. Cakes will cost 25p each or 5 for £1.

Shopping Evening

This year, rather than having two big events very close together, (Fireworks & Shopping Evening), we have decided to cancel the Shopping Evening this year and in its place we are holding an additional cake sale (see above) and Easter Discos.

Christmas

Once again there will be a Christmas Raffle to win one of our wonderful hampers. There will be a non uniform day on 9th December in return for donations for our hampers. Full details will follow nearer the time.

We have written to Father Christmas and we're delighted to confirm that he will once again be visiting the children on the last day of term, Friday 16th December and bringing a gift for each class.

Firework Display - Thursday 3rd November

You are invited to join us at our fantastic annual firework display.

We are using the same professional pyrotechnic company which has provided such wonderful displays in the past.

Tickets will be on sale to the public, but because total numbers are strictly limited due to safety considerations, we would like to give priority to school pupils and staff, together with their family and friends.

Tickets cost £10 for a family (2 adults + 2 children) or £3 each (preschool children are free). Gates will open at 6pm with a 7pm start. Priority tickets should be purchased using the order form below before **Monday 10th October**. After this tickets will go on sale to the general public from Flaunt (hairdressers in Abbey Meads Village Centre) and Connells Estate Agents (Orbital Centre).

Sausage rolls, bacon rolls, refreshments, hot drinks and 'luminous' novelty gifts will be available for purchase.

Please note the following safety considerations:

- There will be **no parking** at the school to allow access by the emergency services
- Entrance is by the bike racks/hall gates
- **All exit gates will be opened at the end of the display**
- A Missing Children Post will be located in the Apollo 2 mobile along with limited toilet provision
- There is **no smoking** anywhere within the school grounds
- **No sparklers** or other fireworks are allowed

Firework Competition

Key Stage 1

- Colour in the attached black and white poster
- Write your name and class on the **BACK**
- Return to school by **Monday 10th October**

Key Stage 2

- Design your own poster using a single sheet of white A4 paper
- Write your name and class on the **BACK**
- Return to school by **Monday 10th October**

Key Stage 2 continued...

Include the following information:

- Date: Thursday 3rd November
- Time: Dates open at 6pm, display starts at 7pm
- Place: Catherine Wayte Primary School
- Price: £10 for a family (2 adults + 2 children) or £3 each (preschool children are free)
- NO car parking available

One child from each Key Stage will be chosen to 'press the button' together to start the show electronically and they will also have their winning poster displayed in Flaunt or Connells for publicity purposes.

All entries should be returned to the school office by 3pm on Monday 10th October when they will be judged.

Firework Display Tickets

To guarantee entry, please order your priority tickets by returning this form with payment in a sealed envelope marked FIREWORK DISPLAY TICKETS to the school office by **Monday 10th October**, thank you.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I would like to receive _____ family tickets at £10 (2 adults + 2 children)

_____ single tickets at £3

I enclose payment of £ _____ (please make cheques payable to Catherine Wayte PTA)

Tickets will be distributed on receipt.

Firework Display Helper Form

This event requires lots of helpers. If you're available to help, please let us know by completing and returning this form as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Your Name _____ Contact No. _____

Please tick the box where you are able to help

Set up - 4pm-6pm	
Manning a stall - 6pm-7pm	
Marshall - 6pm-7.30pm	
Clear up - 7.20pm-8.00pm	

**Many thanks for your continued support
PTA Committee**