

Park Wood Schools Association

*"Your parents, teachers and friend's association for
Park Wood Schools Federation"*

Dear Reader,

Wow, how are we already at February half term! Time certainly does fly when you're having fun!

With Easter fast approaching we have some lovely fundraising events coming up and thank you in advance for your support in making these a success. Keep your eyes peeled for all event details on your school notice boards, PSA Facebook page and of course this Newsletter!

If you're a parent/guardian to a Reception Year child, then this will be your first Newsletter and you may not be aware that we are on Facebook. Please pop over and like our page "**@Parkwoodpsa**" so you can keep up to date with everything we are doing.

Warm regards,

Your PSA Team

AGM – Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 28th September. There have been a few changes and additions to the committee line-up. More notably is the loss of Vice Chairman, Julie Mann, who has stepped down from the PSA after 11 years of service now that her son has moved on to Secondary school. Julie's loss will be deeply felt as she was so passionate about creating memories for the children through the many successful events she helped to organize and run. We wish Julie all the very best for the future and cannot thank her enough for the time she dedicated to the school and its students.

Stepping into her shoes is the equally capable and passionate Anita Oldland. We welcome Anita to her new post within the committee and know she will continue to drive the PSA forward. We always love to see new faces so we were thrilled to welcome some new blood to the PSA, namely Jenny Ongley, Jess Thompson and Tracy Horan.

It's never too late to take an interest or show support. If you would like to learn about what the PSA does or how you can help, please come along to our meetings. It's always an open invitation and you will be very welcome.



Upcoming Events

Cream Tea – for adults

Friday 17th March

Easter Egg Hunt – for all

Friday 21st April

Spring Ball – for Junior pupils

Thursday 18th May

Events in planning

Summer Fayre – for everyone

**Summer 'Beach Party' – for
Infant pupils**

Important!

Are you on Facebook?

Please 'Like' our Facebook page "**@Parkwoodpsa**" to keep up to date with us in-between our Newsletters!

Do you have any suggestions?

We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for events we could run or ways we can fundraise so please let us know!

You can contact us through the following channels:

- Speak directly to a PSA Member
- Message through our Facebook page
- Send us an e-mail

Class Representatives – Do you have a good rapport with the parents/guardians in your child's class, or have ideas that could benefit the PSA? If so, we need you! In an effort to improve communication between you and the PSA we would like to have a Representative for each class. Class Reps will chat with other parents and relay their ideas and feedback to the PSA that will help improve events and inform key decision making. There's no need to attend meetings but you're very welcome if you'd like to come along.

If you're interested in being a Class Rep for your child's class, please let us know via e-mail to Parkwoods@yaho.co.uk or speak to anyone on the PSA Team.

Halloween Disco – This event was an absolute hit! The children had a fantastic time dressing up and went to so much effort with their costumes. As ever the entertainment provided by Joe Banana was outstanding. A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers and PSA members who gave up their time to make this event a success.

Fashion Show – Before Christmas we held our second fashion show. With over 100 guests, a great night was had by all and some bargains bought in time for the festive season. Please let us know if you'd like us to do another at some time.

Wonder Welcome Party – This was the first time we tried a small, after-school, free event for our newest pupils in Foundation Stage. Fun activities, snacks and a small party bag were well received as an introduction to PSA events at Parkwood.

Christmas Fayre – The annual climax of enterprise week was great fun. This year we moved activity to the back of the school and whilst a little short of space, it had a great Christmas atmosphere. Thanks to the school choir and Santa for helping to entertain us all during the afternoon.

Matched Giving – Many larger employers allow their staff to double their individual fundraising by claiming equal amounts from the firm. This is a valuable source of revenue for the PSA so if any family members work for firms offering this, please get in touch; doubling the take from an event stall can have a big impact. Lloyds Bank matched £1,000 last year and that's just from one PSA member!

Summer Fayre – Following the success of the Summer Fayre last year the PSA have been thinking how we can improve for 2017. We have considered holding the Summer Fayre on a Saturday but to do that we would need much more help and support from our families to make it happen. If you would like to see the Summer Fayre take place on a Saturday and if you can help, please let us know.

Fundraising Goals – Your money funds the ongoing use of our mini-bus, which is a huge benefit for our children. It is used most days for trips to trampolining, swimming, sports events and competitions. It also does trips to the library, restaurants and other local educational visits, keeping the cost of these down for you and enriching your child's learning opportunities. We wouldn't be able to do this without your support and generosity so thank you all!

A note from your Chairman – "I really want everyone to feel they have a stake in the PSA. Our Facebook page is regularly updated and this newsletter is here to keep you informed but I still think we would benefit from closer two-way communication. That's why I'm so keen for the class reps to be established. If you have any ideas, comments or just want to know a bit more, please email me at parkwoods@yaho.co.uk. I do hope you've enjoyed reading this newsletter and I'd like thank you all for all your support and help with our events. Thanks too to the hard-working members of the committee who give their time to organise everything needed to make them a success."



Your PSA Team...

Alec Chiverton – Chairman
Anita Oldland – Vice Chairman
Jenny Crowder – Treasurer
Rebecca Fissenden – Secretary
Mrs. Hardy – Teacher
Mrs. Orridge – Teacher
Julie Ashard – Member
Sam Picozzi – Member
Russell Hambelton – Member
Carolyn Smith – Member
Karen Owens – Member
Keeley Hough – Member
Louisa Smith – Member
Natalie Allen Crofts – Member
Sandra Dighton – Member
Jenny Ongley – Member
Jess Thompson – Member
Tracy Horan – Member