



Newsletter September 2009

Hello to all parents and carers of children at Raynsford Lower School.

As parents/carers of children who attend the school I am sure you are aware that you are automatically members of the PTA, which exists not only to raise funds for the school, but also to organise fun events for the children and adults too. We welcome as many parents as possible to our meetings, but even if this is not possible, in order to make the PTA a success we welcome your fresh ideas - and all offers of help are very much appreciated!

If you have any time free on the dates below please get in touch asap so we can confirm these events can run. After all we are raising money for YOUR school and YOUR children. Let's try and make this Autumn our best yet!

As you may be aware the school is in the process of appointing 'class representatives', we are looking forward to working closely with them and hope they will be able to recommend people for any events or planning we need help with. If you have any special talents or just like to help please either fill in the form below or let your class rep know. We would especially welcome some male volunteers/helpers - we don't bite!

Here are a few important dates for you to put in your diary:

OCTOBER :

7th - Bags2School - get rid of all your excess clothes to support us! Bags going out this week. Please place them on the grass, near the school gates on the **morning of the 7th**, anytime after 8:30am. They will be collected at 2.30pm. They accept any clothing or textiles.

NOVEMBER :

7th - Family Photos - great for Christmas cards and family gifts taken by a local photographer

16th - Tandem Skydive - I am going to do a tandem skydive, hopefully alongside Mr Musgrove. Details about how you can sponsor online will be posted shortly. In meantime there is a form in the office if anyone wishes to make donations.

December becomes busy with the festive spirit, so I will address the events in December after our next meeting. Every parent is welcome to attend the meetings and just because you wish to be kept informed or volunteer for one event does not mean you have to make every event or meeting. We welcome ANY support you as parents can give us.

If you would like to be kept informed of what's happening then please fill out the attached form, return it to school and we will put you on the mailing list. Should you have any questions then please contact us either through email, phone or just come and have a chat with us in the playground - for new and old parents I will be wearing a red jumper with my name and Chairperson of PTA on back for you to recognise me!

Lastly, we are going electronic but we will still be sending paper copies to parents who have requested a school newsletter in this format. Thank you to Mrs Flack for helping to arrange this.

There will also be a copy available under our tab on the school website

<http://www.schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk/schools/raynsford/>

The members of the PTA Committee are Tammie Loughlin (Chairperson) and Mary Frankland (Secretary). Doug White continues as the Treasurer and the general members are Donna Woolfitt, Claudia O'Connell, Chelsea Atkins, Kirsty Jeffrey, Michael Warlow, Jennie Fraser, Bev Kelly, Imogen Rutt, Bernie Kenny, Leah Fookes, David Davies.

Our contact details are as follows:

Tammie Loughlin 07977-985566 sweetberryswirl1981@yahoo.co.uk

Mary Frankland - via School

(see form below)

If you would like us to update you on PTA Committee matters then please fill in the details below.

Name:.....

Contact details: phone number and/or email address

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Are you able to help? Do you enjoy cake baking, face painting, etc? Would you be able to spare some time? Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can make the up and coming Christmas events fun for the children? Any ideas would be appreciated.

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