



PSFA SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Over the Easter holidays I was tagged in a 'Peter and Jane' Facebook post from March last year entitled "So, shall we talk about the dreaded 'PTA Mummies'?" – which not only was a great read (and included some home truths) but also got me thinking about what such a great team we have at Ewell Castle – on the committee, those that volunteer at events, the teachers, the 'back office' staff and those that show their support in a number of other ways.

As people are aware we recently held our AGM where following a consultation period we took the opportunity to re-vamp the Constitution and its objective to ensure it really reflects on the here and now of what we are trying to achieve:

"The object of the Association is to advance the enrichment of pupils in the School, and support the school's wider community"

For me, it is all about doing the right thing for the pupils – whether purchasing 'value add' items for pupils or arranging events for the young people to enjoy, through to supporting wider the school's community for parents and families alike. So as we reflect on the last term and move forward to the Summer term and another quickly disappearing academic year - a very big personal thank you from me for everyone who has supported the PSFA front of house and behind the scenes.

Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA

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Dates for your diary....

This year we are planning to run a record number of events, some new, our primary aim in everything we do is to bring the school community together and if possible, to raise money for those special items for the children across all three sites. We hope you can join us on the events planned this year:

- **May Half Term : Smarties Challenge** : to raise funds for playground equipment at both CL and GH
- **Wednesday 20th June 18 : Prep Sports Day Bubbles and Pimms Tent**
- **Saturday 7th July 18 : Summer Ball** : an evening not to be missed, returning to the Marquee in the Castle grounds
- **Tuesday 10th July 18 : Years 5 & 6 Disco**
- **Friday 19th October 18: Fireworks Event**
- **Date TBC : Christmas Shopping Event**
- **Friday 7th December 18: Christmas Fair**

In addition...

- **PSFA 100 Club** : run through the year, registration is closed and will re-open in September
- **New to You** : available at Principal's Breakfasts and *new* 'Pop Up' shops (please see calendar), both uniform and Tacklebag kit available, stock list updated each month on our Facebook page.

During May Half Term we are having a

'Smarties Challenge'

To raise funds for playground equipment at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House



About £12 can fit into a single tube, with the PSFA matching all monies raised we have the potential to raise over £5,000 for play equipment

**COCKTAILS AND DREAMS
SUMMER BALL**
IN THE GROUNDS OF EWELL CASTLE

Limited Early Bird tickets available on Parent Pay until **28th April**

Cocktails & Dreams

SATURDAY, 7TH JULY 2018

7:00pm UNTIL Midnight	Limited number of early bird tickets on Parent Pay until 28 th April for £65 per person then £75 per person	Includes welcome cocktail 3 course meal* Half a bottle of wine Live band and DJ * Cash bar
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* MENU SELECTION ON PARENT PAY

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Year 7 and 8 Disco

Thank you to all the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils that came to the PSFA Disco in February – the DJ got everyone dancing including Mr Manley (who did a very good YMCA!) and the tuck shop was appreciated by all. As it was so successful we have put a Year 5 and Year 6 Disco in the diary for the 10th July.



Congratulations to our recent prize draw winner:

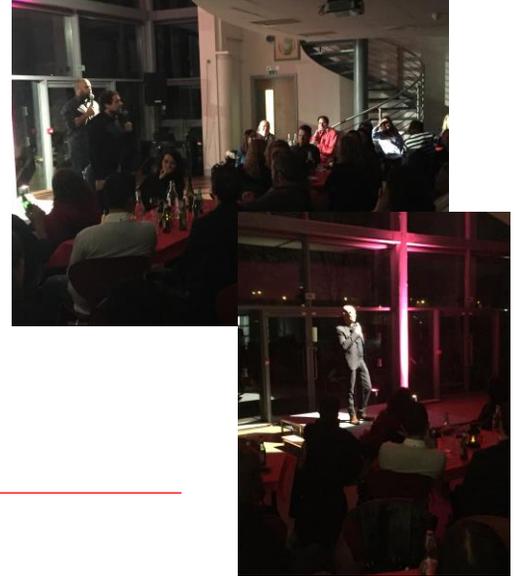
Prize Draw

**Mr and Mrs Hartman (Niki, Year 6)
March Prize Winner**

Comedy Night

We hadn't planned for snow in March but what an amazing Comedy & Curry night! Thank you to the 100 folk that came and gave their support – we were entertained by five hilarious comedians including our very own compere James! Thank you as well for all the lovely feedback on the comedy and food – it's always nice to hear especially for 'a first of its kind event'! To top it all we **raised an amazing £650!**

A massive thanks goes to Tracy Dale who organised the event, Lisa Salmon, Clodagh Brown, Clare Alford, Patrick Alford, Tracey Wilkins and Nicole Brown who all made it possible on the night!



Easter Egg Chick Hunt and Treasure Hunt

All pupils at Chessington Lodge were treated to a 'Chick Hunt' with a visit from the Easter Bunny in the morning and everyone at Glyn House enjoyed a 'Treasure Hunt' in the afternoon the day before we broke up for Easter.

A special thanks goes to Lisa Salmon and Clodagh Brown who coordinated the events, Louise Collet, Anita Noble, the teachers at both sites for their support and the committee members and parents that helped out through the day: Tracy Dale, Jessica Gunson, Katrina Hartman, Angela Clift, Jaqui Speight and Sima Alizadeh.



PSFA Committee Members

Emma Mitchell (Thomas 5A, Oliver 3G)
Clare Alford (Patrick 10RPN)
Clodagh Brown (Finnian 1L)
Tracy Dale (Alex 5A)
Jessica Gunson (Georgia Yr11, Charlie 8ALO, Millie 7FCA, Alfie 4H)
Katrina Hartman (Niki 6Y, Georgia 3B)
Lisa Salmon (Jake 6Y, Ronnie 3G)

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