

Newsletter N° 8

Autumn Term 2016



Churchill Special School Parent Teacher & Friends Association

Don't forget – we can raise funds for free when you shop online: – just visit:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ChurchillSpecialSchool .

We have currently raised £432.85, but with more people signing up we could raise much, much more.

Welcome to Churchill School's PTFA newsletter, the first of the new school year. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, the memories of which have faded fast! We also send a warm welcome to all of our new families who have started at Churchill School this September and look forward to meeting you in the coming months.

PTFA 100 Club

We have continued to draw the numbers at the end of each month for our school lottery. The pupils in school have helped with our draws and the winners for the most recent ones are:

- June:** 1st prize: Denise O'Brien – ball n° 28
2nd prize: Melanie Guest – ball n° 11
3rd prize: Debbie Willson – ball n° 95
- July:** 1st prize: Mandy Fear – ball n° 39
2nd prize: Camilla Collins – ball n° 44
3rd prize: Alan Pettitt – ball n° 54
- August:** 1st prize: Trudy-Louise Nobbs – ball n° 67
2nd prize: Suzanne Stevenson – ball n° 81
3rd prize: Stuart Hinshelwood – ball n° 57
- September:** 1st prize: Stuart Hinshelwood – ball n° 57
2nd prize: Melanie Guest – ball n° 56
3rd prize: Iain Pocock – ball n° 9
- October:** 1st prize: Trudy-Louise Nobbs – ball n° 14
2nd prize: Richard Collins – ball n° 65
3rd prize: Tracey Hinshelwood – ball n° 34

We have now been running the 100 Club for two years and it has been a resounding success – raising about £350 each year for the PTFA. Thank you. On the back of this success we have decided to continue with it for a further year. Later this month everybody will be invited to join or renew. We hope that we can make it an even bigger success in 2017! The **'PTFA 100 Club'** is open to all families and relatives, friends, staff and governors of the school. If you have any queries you are welcome to contact Camilla at the PTFA email address below.

Come and join us at our Race Night....

On **Friday 11th November** (at the end of this week) Churchill School PTFA is organising a Race Night. This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be a licensed bar and the ticket price includes a 'something and chips' supper. We will also have a raffle – with a television as our first prize! Doors will open at 7pm, with the first race starting at 8pm and supper being served at 9pm. It will be a fun night out for everyone! Tickets for our Race Night cost £10 per person. Children are welcome to attend the event and enjoy the exciting atmosphere. However for legal reasons they will not be allowed to place bets on the horses. So we are offering a reduced price supper ticket (£5) for any accompanying children. Ticket order forms are available either through the school office or by emailing Camilla – see below.

Parents' Afternoon Coffee Club

The PTFA holds an informal, social gathering for all Churchill School parents and carers at 2:30pm on the last Wednesday of each month. This is a relaxed opportunity to meet and chat together and refreshments are provided. Our next Afternoon Coffee Club will be on Wednesday 30th November at **2:30pm** in Churchill School. **Everyone is welcome.** All those who regularly attend the coffee club would love to meet some new people, so do join us and come along.

Haverhill Summer Bash 2016

A **HUGE** 'thank you' to all of you who sent in bags, bars and boxes of chocolate for the Summer Bash chocolate tombola. Despite the temptation, it did **all** make it to the event and we raised a fantastic **£195.00**. Thank you to everybody for your generous donations and also to those who helped on the day.



'Thank you' again to all of you who sent in even more chocolate for the second tombola that we ran in aid of Cancer Research. Along with the staff's stoical efforts, we were able to contribute to the staggering £2,500 that they raised.



Another big 'thank you' to Mandy Fear, mum to Peter in Class 4, who very kindly donated a further **£146.80** from the profits of her hugely successful car boot sales, supported by donations from Joseph's mum, Selma Murphy.

Our next PTFA meeting is on **Wednesday 23rd November** at **2:30pm** in Churchill School. All are welcome to attend.

As parents and carers of pupils at Churchill School you are all automatically members of the PTFA. It is **your** PTFA and if you have any fundraising ideas or comments, you are welcome to contact Camilla – PTFA@churchillschool.co.uk

All monies raised by Churchill School PTFA are currently going towards buying some new equipment for the sensory rooms.