



Taunton School Parent Teachers' Association

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Taunton School Parent Teachers' Association (TSPTA)

Dear Parents and Staff

We have had a brilliant year; our main focus, the play-ground project, has finally come to fruition and we are really thrilled that the significant funds raised have gone towards a truly stunning design. We thank you all for the support you have given, and look forward to many years of future enjoyment for kids, parents and staff.

Obviously this has been our major project, but we have been pleased to be able to fund other projects throughout the year, including a scoreboard for the basketball team, and with the fabulous sponsorship of Steve Leigh and Technicom, we have been able to provide over £1000 worth of IT equipment for the Sixth Form. What a splendid community we have with parents who help in such a way.

An important role for the PTA is fundraising, and an important input is given by the children who know they are raising funds for the School Charities as well as 'extras' for their school life. This gives an excellent example to the children, and many parents and pupils have asked me about the amounts donated over the year. Fantastically, I am told donations have been given: £2,250 to the Children's Hospice, £2,800 to Help for Heroes, £1,000 to Guide Dogs, £350 to Haiti, £900 to Albania, £1,000 to the Kenyan Orphanage and £250 to TASC (Leprosy), plus £800 for Musgrove Park Hospital and others via individual charity events. That is on top of all those hockey/rugby tour fundraisers you all get involved with and is a truly memorable achievement.

This is a fantastic total, and of course some of our social and fundraising events go towards this. We have had a great year—the Christmas Fair was ably organized by Dee Cornish; the Heads' Supper was a real success and will be repeated in 2011; and we were delighted to be supported by nearly 100 parents and staff at our Quiz Supper in April. The Annual Summer Fair will have taken place by the time you read this, run tirelessly by Janet and her team. Julie Chant has taken on the organization of our very successful nearly new uniform sales which are now incorporated with a jolly tea party and chat (an excellent forum to get to know parents and staff, and to discuss pertinent topics!). Probably the biggest event for us, our Annual Leavers

Summer Ball will once again be held at the end of term, where we hope to raise significant further funds and give those pupils and staff who are not returning a spectacular send off.

The OT's have launched a £25,000 Appeal this summer to renovate the external structure of the Old Cricket Pavilion and we would like to work with them to fund a memorable but sustainable use for this. Discussions with the Headmaster will continue, but we will need to find substantial sums over the next three years for this long term project, and I will report back further next year.

The joint PTA has now been operational for two years and there is no doubt it has proved very successful with the Year and house reps forming a structure for increased communication between the parents and school. Do please remember that our twice termly meetings are open to all parents, guardians and teachers, and give a great opportunity for regular feedback from Dr Newton, Mr Beale and Mrs McLauchlan, including the ubiquitous questions of car parking and uniform!

We successfully relaunched our school directories last year and will ask you to update your contact details in September for the new issues. We have also published a welcome pack for all new parents joining the school, and hope this will prove a useful conduit in introducing them to the school and to the PTA.

We are so grateful for the support given by everyone throughout this year, and we thank all those involved in organizing these events and all those who support us to benefit our children. I would particularly like to thank the PTA officers who keep it (and me!) all together, and the Heads of School, who offer enthusiastic support and so much assistance behind the scenes.

Dates for your diary: Parents' Lunch on Saturday 11 September 11.30am to 1.30pm at Dr Newton's house. This is an opportunity for any parents, guardians and teachers to come along for a social chat and to meet members of the PTA over a drink and finger buffet. We promise you will not be railroaded into offers of help, donations or service, but we genuinely would like to get to know as many of you as possible!

Details about this, along with information on all PTA meeting dates, meeting minutes and officers and reps contact details can be found on the PTA website accessed via the school website.

My sincere thanks to you all. Have a wonderful summer!

Alexandra Messervy

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Events for your Diary

All are Welcome

11 Sept 2010 Parents' Lunch Babbingly	11.30pm to 1.30pm
30 Sept 2010 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am
18 November 2010 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am
Christmas Fair To Be Confirmed	2.30pm to 4.30pm
27 January 2011 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am
11 February 2011 Quiz Night and Supper	7.00pm
17 March 2011 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am
25 March 2011 Head Teachers' Supper	7.00pm
12 May 2011 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am
23 June 2011 Coffee Morning Weirfield Library	8.20am

TSPTA Meeting Dates

21 September 2010	Gwynn Williams Room 8.00pm
9 November 2010	Old Library 8.00pm
18 January 2011	Old Library 8.00pm
8 March 2011	Old Library 8.00pm
3 May 2011	Old Library 8.00pm
14 June 2011	Old Library 8.00pm

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21 September 2010

8.00—9.00pm

Gwynn Williams Room (Senior Music School)

Please come along to this very important meeting of your PTA! This is a chance to hear about plans for the future from the Head-teachers of the schools and the PTA officers, and to find out how your PTA works to add value to the life of the school.

On the agenda:

- Reports of the committees
- Review of the past year
- Headmaster's report
- Fundraising project review
- Voting on any motions
- Re-election of officers and committee.

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Parent Year and House Representatives will move up each year with their year group. An updated list of Reps for year 2010/2011 will be in the Parents Directory which will be available in the Autumn Term 2010.