

The Lea School Association (PTA) Update

19 May 2017

Welcome to the PTA Summer 2017 update.

For those of you new to the school, the Lea School Association (LSA) is the Lea's Parent Teacher's Association (PTA). All parents and carers of children currently at the school are automatically members - how active you are is up to you.

Since the last PTA Update, and thanks to your generous support, we have raised a further £633 for the school:

Yellow Moon sales	£41
Quiz Night (18 Mar)	£192
Easter Event (30 Mar)	£400

Thank you for your continued support.

PTA Committee



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Fri, 16 June	Summer Fair (3.30 - 5.30pm)
Sat, 1 July	Wesley's (10am - 12.30pm)
Thur, 6 July	KS1 Disco (3.30 - 5pm)
Thur, 6 July	First Aid Course (8 - 10pm)
Fri, 14 July	KS2 Disco (6.30 - 8pm)

Online

A reminder that we have a **Blog** which can be accessed from a link in the PTA section of the main school website. Keep clicking through for regular updates.

We also have a **Facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/LeaSchoolAssociation

Raise Money for FREE

- ☑ Use **EasyFundraising** when doing any shopping online (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/theleapsa)
- ☑ Make **EasySearch** your home page and use it every time you search the web. The school raises 0.5p for every search made. (<http://theleapsa.easysearch.org.uk/>)
- ☑ Pick The Lea School Association as your chosen charity on **eBay** and decide what % of the proceeds you'd like to donate.
- ☑ Use the **textile recycling bank** (in the staff car park) for any unwanted clothes, shoes and household linen.

Summer Fair

Fri, 16th June (3.30-5.30pm)



The Summer Fair is only 4 weeks away and as usual with our fairs, the PTA relies heavily on the very kind donations given by parents, carers and friends of the school.

We are gathering some fantastic prizes for the raffle! If you are aware of any businesses wishing to donate a prize or place an advert in the programme please see Sue in the playground or email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk. All sponsors and donors will be listed on our Facebook page, in our summer fair programme and on our blog so companies would get good marketing coverage...

Watch out for the raffle tickets which will be sent home in book bags on Monday, 5th June. We already have over **45 prizes with a combined value of over £1900** so it's definitely worth buying tickets!

We will also shortly start to coordinate getting volunteers to help on the day. Anyone wishing to come forward already at this stage to offer assistance with setting up or running a stall, please email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk

This year we are asking for the following help - please donate if you are able. Start collecting now, but only bring into school for the attention of the PTA on **Friday, 16th June**.

- Bottle Tombola - We are asking for donations of **drinkable bottles**, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic for the adult tombola stall.
- Children's Tombola - A plastic beaker will be sent home on Friday, 9th June to be filled with **sweets, small toys, pens, etc.** - anything a child might like to win.
- Cake Stall - A plate will also be sent home on Friday, 9th June for you to please bring in yummy cake donations.
- Second Hand Stall - We are also looking for

unwanted toys, jigsaws, ornaments, DVDs, CDs, etc.

All the above donations will be in exchange for coming to school in non-uniform on Friday 16th June.

We hope that you can support us with the **Summer Fair** and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. Hopefully the weather will play nicely! It promises to be a fun afternoon filled with games and activities.



First Aid Course

Thur, 6th July (8-10pm)

In conjunction with Daisy First Aid the PTA have arranged a Parent and Carer first aid course to take place at the school on Thursday, 6th July from 8-10pm. (www.daisyfirstaid.com)

The 2 hour course costs £25 of which the PTA will receive 20% - so as well as learning how to deal with an accident or emergency involving babies and children you will be raising money for the school at the same time!

This class is suited to anyone who would like to have basic first aid and emergency life saver training. It will cover:-

- Fever
- Bleeding
- Burns
- Fractures
- Choking
- Anaphylaxis
- Shock
- Unconscious casualties
- Recovery Positions
- Resuscitation & CPR
- Head injuries
- Febrile Seizures
- Meningitis
- Other Childhood conditions

Look out for booking forms which will be sent out in book bags, but in the meant time **save the date** - places are limited and bookings will be taken on a fist come first served basis!



Summer Discos

KS1 - Thursday, 6th July (3.30-5pm)

KS2 - Friday, 14th July (6.30-8pm)

The KS1 disco will be for pupils in Nursery to Y2 and will be held straight after school on Thursday, 6th July from 3.30-5pm.

The KS2 disco will be for pupils in Y3 to Y6 and will be held on Friday, 14th July in the school hall from 6.30 to 8pm.

For those of you who are new to the school the discos are a fun afternoon / night out for the children to spend with each other - only parents and carers who have volunteered to help are allowed to stay.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Fundraising Goal

We are raising money to create a wildlife area around our outdoor classroom, thus further extending classroom activities.



PTA Purchases

The PTA provides things that the school budget does not stretch to for the benefit of all the pupils. In recent years we have provided the school with:-

♦ **Y6 leavers t-shirts** ♦ **Y6 SATs breakfast** ♦ **Annual pantomime trip** ♦ **Roald Dahl Museum souvenir packs** ♦ **Mobile ovens and trolleys** ♦ **Scooterpods** ♦ **Gazebos** ♦ **Stage lighting to the hall** ♦ **Blue stacking chairs and trolley for hall** ♦ **Renovated the library** ♦ **PA system** ♦ **iPads and trolley** ♦ **Playground climbing frame and path** ♦ **Outdoor Classroom** ♦ **Whiteboards** ♦ **Refreshments for Open Days**

PTA Committee Vacancies

Your School Needs You!

The current PTA Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are going to be standing down at the end of this school year. We have been doing the role for 5+ years now and feel it is time to **breathe new life and fresh ideas** into the role.

All of us intend to still remain active members of the PTA, however, and will be around for mentoring and guidance if needed.

Ideally we'd like volunteers to come forward now already so that you can shadow us through the summer terms events so it won't be all new from September. Someone has already kindly stepped forward for the role of Treasurer and Helen is happy to continue as Vice Chair so we are looking to fill the positions of Secretary and Chair.

PTA events are organised for pupils and their families to enjoy and enables us to fund things for the benefit of all pupils. The work of the PTA has gone some way towards helping the school flourish into the successful school that it has become.

We would love this to continue, but we can only do this with an elected committee and event volunteers.

There are many benefits for being on the PTA committee - you get to know the teachers better and have a greater understanding of how the school runs; you get to know the children and other parents better; you get to choose which events to run and have a say in how the money raised is spent; it's very rewarding; and it looks great on your CV!

None of the roles need any specific qualification, it's not just for 'stay at home mums', and doesn't need to be all time-consuming - you may decide to have sub-committees each running their own event, for instance...

If you are interested then please email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Sue, Anna, Emma L or Helen in the playground.

THE FUTURE OF THE PTA IS IN YOUR HANDS!

Wesleys

Sat, 1st July (10am-12.30pm)



As a registered charity, we have again been given the opportunity to run Wesley's Cafe in the High Street Methodist Church on Saturday 1st July. This means that we serve the teas/coffees and

take home a portion of the profits for our school for doing so. As an added bonus we retain 100% of the profits from any cakes that we sell on the day. To this end we are asking parents and carers to please bake some tasty treats for us to sell...

Any donated cakes / cupcakes would be hugely appreciated. Please can these be delivered to Wesley's Cafe in the High Street Methodist Church on Bowers Parade (between WH Smiths and the Library) between 9.15am and 10am on Saturday 1st July. If possible please include a

label listing the ingredients, particularly highlighting the use of nuts, eggs and milk. (We will ensure any named containers are returned to you.)

Please also feel free to pop in for a coffee between 10am and 12.30pm and watch our volunteer baristas in action!

And speaking of baristas... we are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us serve on Saturday morning - no experience necessary and it's always a bit of a laugh. Please speak to Sue, Anna or Mariangela if you're free or email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk.

