

Summer Newsletter

It's hard to believe that we only have 7 weeks left until the end of another academic year! We love the Summer Term because it means it is time for our biggest fundraising event – of course, it's the Loxwood School Summer Fair! This issue of PALS News has everything you need to know about our 'Circus' themed Summer Fair and more!

Dates for your diary:

PALS Summer Fair meeting
– Tuesday 11th June, 8pm

Sports Day
– Wednesday 5th June AM

Summer Fair!
– Friday 28th June 5-7.30pm

Weekly cake raffle – every Friday, 8.45am in the playground



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This year's school Summer Fair is going to be bigger and better than ever! It looks to be an action packed event geared towards the family with lots to keep everyone entertained.

Our very own Loxwood Singers and Kicks Dancers will be opening the event; there will be a BBQ, bar, café, pop up tea tent, face painting, stalls, giant inflatables and rides, games for the children, fancy dress competition, grand raffle, tree of promises, and few circus themed activities. We still have a small number of stalls available if any local businesses are interested – table are £10 each, first come, first served.

Raffle

Hopefully you will have received your Summer Fair raffle tickets in book bags. Don't forget to bring them in weekly between now and 27th June in the sealed envelope provided with the child's name and pop them in their House box which will be in reception. This is so we can see which House sells the most tickets this year. It got pretty competitive last year! There are plenty of tickets at reception so we would encourage you to sell more if you can. The more we sell, the more money for the school. We have some really amazing prizes this year, including a unique piece of Simon Pure Jewellery, a dash cam worth £130, a round of golf for 4 at Slinfold Golf Club, restaurant vouchers, beauty treatments, gifts, flowers, days out and more! See the school

website for a full list of prizes. Thank you to everyone that has donated so generously to the raffle and tree of promises.

The Great Loxwood Bake-off

This year, we will hold our very own Bake-Off at the fair. Children can make biscuits, cakes, cup cakes, whatever they fancy along the theme 'Circus'. Entries must be brought on the day please, labeled with the child's name and age.

Cake donations

We love cakes but previously we had so many that we ended up virtually giving them away. So we are doing what we did last year, to prevent wastage; please can we ask just for homemade or home decorated cakes from the children to be entered into the Bake-off. If you would like to make a donation towards cakes then do give a cash donation and we will put it towards the café and pop-up tea tent.

Donations

This year we are asking for 3 different donations weekly on a Friday, so hopefully it's easy to remember that way.

Please bring in your Summer fair donations on the Friday morning. We will have a collection table in the playground, next to the cake raffle. Your child can swap their donation for a raffle ticket. One ticket will be picked each week in Friday assembly to win a weekly prize! If you can't get to the shops then please send your child with a small donation (we suggest £1). We can use any cash donations to help in the other costs associated with running the Summer Fair. Please bring...

Friday 14th June

Circus themed toys (eg. juggling balls, hoopa, spinning plates)

Friday 21st June

A can or bottle of soft drink for the Fizz Hoopa

Friday 28th June

Either bring in your entry for the cake competition

**Or alternatively something to add to the toy tombola or Fizz hoopa
or a small cash donation to help with the set up of the BBQ and
children's games**

The day of the fair will be non-uniform day!

We need your help

Like all school events, we need parent help to make it a success. Sadly it doesn't just happen without volunteers! Each year group is responsible for an area (eg. Year 6 is running the bar, Year 3 the raffle and tree of promises etc.). Your Class Rep will be in touch, so please speak to them if you can give up some time to help – they have already been working for months to ensure the event is a success.

If you think you can spare some time in the run up to the fair or on the day, it would be very much appreciated. Two weeks before the fair, sign up sheets will go up in the school playground on a daily basis for you to put your name down for a stall (or contact us through Classlist if you can't physically sign up). If you can give up half an hour of your time, then we can make this event run smoothly. We will also have sign up sheets for the Juniors in their classrooms as we will need their help running the children's stalls please. Many hands make light work!

Our sponsors

We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors this year. A particular mention must go to our main sponsors – JM Roofing, Savills, Little Harriers, Bessler Hendrie, James Paul Cars and La Residence Interiors. Thank you to everyone for the incredible support we have received already. We would not be able to run the event without the support of these local businesses.



Where do the funds go?

We have pledged to provide first aid training to years 5 & 6 each year. The training this year was well received by the children.

Internet safety is a very important life skill in our modern world. The PALS quiz night raised money to provide age appropriate safety training throughout the school. With an evening parents session to help us deal with the crazy world of our children and the internet.

The Christmas fair raised money to replace all the broken laptops in the school.

The cake raffle continues to provide IPADS for the school.

Other causes include annual class set up, school trips, forest school, ice lollies on sports day, crackers at Christmas and end of term prizes, the accelerated reading scheme and new outside equipment for the infants.

And not to forget the entire refit of the library along with the library scheme which is funded by PALS to keep the library up to date with current books.

Last but by no means least, the School Wishlist that we launched last year has now raised over £2,700. Wow! We are so grateful for all the donations. Items are being updated regularly so do visit your child's class to see what they need net. <https://loxwood.ourschoolwishlist.org/>

New PALS members

We're sure you'll agree that without fundraising, our school would not have the great facilities and opportunities that it does. This takes hard work and dedication from parents, carers and teachers. We have a number of key members of the committee stepping down this year to make way for new parents. These include Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary as well as general roles. Some of our existing committee will be nominated and voted into new roles in September but there are still plenty of roles to fill if you think you can give up some time to help our lovely school. It is an extremely rewarding job. Speak to your Class Rep if you are interested.

In other news...

Cake Raffle

The Cake Raffle takes place in the playground every Friday morning and has proved to be a huge success. We hope all you lucky people have enjoyed the cakes that have been won. Thanks to all your donations, we have been able to purchase two i-pads with the cake raffle money, which is fantastic. Tickets are £1 for your chance to win!

Sports Day refreshments

PALS will have a cold drinks stall during the morning for spectators to buy themselves a cold can of drink.

Remember to sign up to **Classlist.com** for all the latest PALS News and reminders. If you need help, please ask Gemma Versteeg (PALS Chair) or Lucy Percy (PALS Deputy Chair)