



Loxwood School

PALS News

January 2019

Spring Newsletter

Wishing you a belated Happy New Year! Compared to last term, this term feels relatively quiet but there are still plenty of fundraising activities going on this term. We have already kicked off with our first Friday Night Club and next month there's the ever-popular Valentine's Disco! We have our weekly Cake Raffle and after half term we will be holding a Quiz & Chilli Night and an informal social evening for parents. This issue also provides an update on our wonderful Wishlist progress!

Diary dates

Cake raffle – Every Friday morning!

FNC Valentine's Disco – 14th February, infants 5.30-6.30pm, juniors 6.45-7.45pm

Parents' social at the Tich – 28th February, 8pm

PALS committee meeting – Tuesday 5th March, 7.30pm

PALS coffee morning – Friday 8th March, 9am

Quiz & Chilli Night – Friday 22nd March, 7.30-11pm

Kids' Valentine's Disco!

Possibly the highlight of the year for the children, on Thursday 14th February we have our Valentine's Disco. We have a professional disco courtesy of Starlight Parties. The Infant Disco will be from 5.30-6.30pm and the Juniors will run from 6.45-7.45pm. We will need plenty of helpers so do let your class rep know if you are able to help. Tickets are £3 per child and are available to pre-buy from reception from 1st February to make signing in as easy as possible. Each child will be given a drink and a packed of crisps. As usual we will need medical forms filled in for any children that have a medical condition we need to know about.

Quiz & Chilli Night

Back by popular demand is the PALS quiz night on Friday 22nd March. Do you think you have what it takes to take home the coveted Loxwood Quiz cup? Tickets will be on sale after half term. £15 each including a delicious bowl of chilli. Teams of 6 or 8 – come with a ready-made team or we can put together teams on the night. There will also be a raffle and a licensed bar. It's always a really fun evening all in aid of our school.



Cake Raffle

We hit a record just before Christmas with a massive £78 for one week! Let's see if we can break that record this term. All the money raised from the cake raffle goes straight to the school for IT equipment. If you can help sell tickets or if you can bake a cake, please do sign up on the cake raffle rota in reception. No cake, no cake raffle!

Social evening

We will be holding an informal social event at the Sir Roger Tichborne pub (the Tich!) on Thursday 28th February at 8pm. This is not a fundraising event, just an opportunity to catch up and meet other parents. Do come along for a drink if you can!



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Wishlist update

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated towards much needed teaching resources to support our pupils' learning and development. So far our Wishlist website has raised almost £1,500 and paid for books, pens, paints, magazine subscriptions, a webcam, teaching clocks, microphones, maths equipment, voting buzzers....and much more! What an amazing response!

It usually takes less than two weeks for resources funded via the Wishlist website to be in use in the classroom, so your contributions make a huge and immediate difference.

The teachers are updating their individual Class Wishlists on the website on a regular basis so do check back for updates and remember to tell your family and friends! Every school in the country is affected by lack of funding but we are delighted that we have been able to do something so positive about it. To donate an item visit loxwood.ourschoolwishlist.org

A massive thank you also to our sponsors for their continued support. There are still some sponsorship opportunities available.





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We need you!

You may have noticed that the PTA has recently rebranded as PALS (Parents Association of Loxwood School)! We thought the name had a certain ring to it and hopefully gets across the friendly and community feel of our parents' association. We need more PALS to continue the



great work that a small bunch of parents do for our lovely school. Several of the current committee will be moving on this year or next when their children move to secondary school. This leaves us with a few gaps that will need to be filled. If you would like to know more about PALS or think you may be able to help in any shape or form, we'd love to hear from you. All are welcome - Parents,

Grandparents or Carers. To find out more, why not come along to our coffee morning in the school hall on Friday 8th March after school drop off?

Fun Run

We would love to hold the fun run in June this year when the mud dried up a bit and some warmer weather returns. But we need some volunteers to make it happen. If you think you could help run this event then please speak to your class rep or PALS committee.

What do the funds go towards?

- We have pledged to pay for first aid training for years 5 & 6. It is hoped that this we be done annually. The training will provide basic skills that could prove to be lifesaving.
- The Christmas fair raised over **£2,500** which will go towards buying a new set of laptops.
- We pay for the forest school snacks. Hot chocolate and toast are an important part of forest work!
- PALS donate money each year to help subsidise the trips, or contribute towards outside companies coming in to run workshops.
- All the money from the cake raffle goes towards brand new IPADS. So far we have bought seven, plus the MAC computer that provides the software updates.
- We pay towards the Accelerated Reader scheme which will be used in the Junior School to track the children's reading and help them choose their next suitable book.
- PALS have allocated money towards the outside Infant area, estimated to be complete in time for Summer!
- Last but by no means least, the long awaited library plans are finally underway. The school will provide an update on the specifics of this very exciting project.

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)