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Welcome

Welcome to our school and PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). This letter aims to tell you a bit about what we do and to answer any questions you may have.

Why do we have a PTFA?

The PTFA forms an integral part of our school community and strives to enhance the opportunities the children have in school; it provides closer links between home and school. We do this by fundraising for equipment and resources that the school is unable to provide within its stretched budget. Being a member of the PTFA gives everyone a chance to be involved in a range of innovative and sometimes challenging events. During the last year, our major fundraising events have included a Christmas Bake Off, Olympic Sprinter and Summer Fair, with social activities including Outdoor Cinema event and Quiz Night.

How we spend the money we raise

The money we raise is usually spent fairly quickly. That way you know the money raised will directly benefit your child/ren. Usually the Headteacher, staff and children are asked to submit requests for the PTFA to consider funding. Over the last couple of years, the PTFA has provided play equipment for the field new goal posts, PE equipment, sports kits, maths equipment, dance equipment and reading books, just to name a few.

Meetings and Volunteering

The committee meets on a regular basis, generally once each half term on a Monday evening at 7.30pm at the school. We welcome anyone who would like to come along to the meetings, give their views and participate. We equally value anyone who can give their time in other ways, helping during activities, admin tasks at home, or providing raffle / sponsorship donations amongst other things. We hold an AGM each year at the end of September when the committee is elected for the coming year. We can't do the things we do without the help we get from you giving a small amount of your time. The events are often a lot of fun to take part in and new friends are made.

Giving Schemes

Some of our fundraising events are eligible for gift aid. If you are a taxpayer, we are able to claim back 25% of your donation from the government, at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is fill in the form we send home. We are also always looking for companies and businesses who have a company matched giving scheme or who are able to provide raffle prizes or sponsorship for our events.

How is information sent to you?

We have a newsletter that is sent out at regular intervals via the school email system. This provides details of up and coming events, money raised and what we have spent this on as well as meeting details. It also has details of how you can help us at events. We have our own PTFA email by which you can contact us at any time. We email out minutes of meetings and more specific requests and reminders, please email ptfa@cjsdorset.org to join. You can join our facebook page to see all the latest - just search CJSPTFA.

Help us make a real difference to the children's time at Christchurch Junior School.