

Hutchinson Memorial First School PTFA

Newsletter March 2016

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, we are working hard to raise £3000 for laptops for the school. We've planned some really exciting events over the next few months and would really appreciate your support.

Silent Auction

For those that have never taken part in a silent auction before, there will be lots of fantastic prizes to be won, which you have to make a bid for; however, you bid privately on a slip how much you're willing to pay for the prize. The person who bids the highest is the winner!



We need some donations and pledges for the auction to go ahead. Emma Holdham is busy contacting local businesses for their donations, but if you feel there is something you could donate or pledge it



would be very welcome. It could be something as simple as donating an hours worth of ironing, or perhaps an afternoon of gardening? Maybe you have a holiday villa in Spain?! Or could donate a hamper full of chocolate?! If you feel you'd like to donate or pledge something, then please either write down your pledge or bring your gift into school by

Wednesday 13th April.

Details and auction forms will follow shortly after this date, so please watch out for them in your child's bag.

Bag2School Collection

We are pleased to announce that we have organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTFA, in order to purchase the new laptops for school.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £20 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.



By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided, please see the list below for what can and can't be included. Its really important that we stick to this list. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on **Thursday 5th May.** Please bring your bag (or bags!) to **school in the morning** and help us have a really good collection. Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

**We accept the following 'good quality' items
for RE-USE:**

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys

We do not accept:



- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



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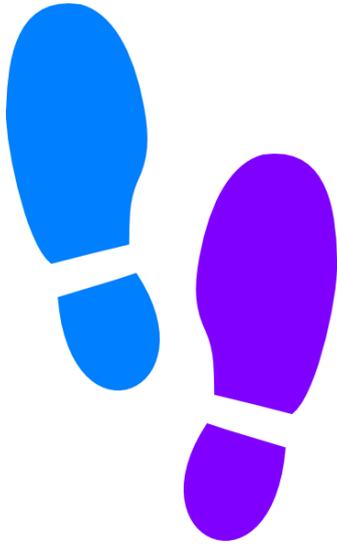
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You can also get in touch any time

Sponsored Walk



We thought it might be nice to have an event that we could all be involved in, especially the children so we've come up with sponsored walk!

On **Sunday 15th May at 2pm** we're going to meet at the boathouse at JCB Lakes at Rocester and do a sponsored walk, run, bike ride, scooter, skateboard or any other inventive way you can think of to get around the large lake! You're welcome to come in fancy dress, or possibly waterproofs depending on the weather!!

Children and adults can be sponsored either by distance or per time they make it round the lake as its exactly 1 mile all the way around.

We feel this will be a lovely event to get everyone working together to support the school community and have lots of fun whilst we do it.

Watch out for the sponsorship forms in your child's bag sometime soon after the Easter Holiday, and please remember that every penny raised is an investment in our children's education.

Summer Fair

We have a provisional date for the Summer Fair - **Saturday 2nd July**. As a PTFA, this usually is the event which raises the most money for the school, but also takes the most organising. We are already thinking about stalls for this year and would appreciate your input. If you can volunteer time to run a stall, would be happy to organise something behind the scenes, or can provide an activity on the day then please pop along to our meeting on **Thursday 14th April at 5pm** in the school. If you can't make the meeting, but can offer some help, then please email us at hutchinsonPTFA@gmail.com or send us a message on our Facebook page. Alternatively, grab Emma on the playground!

We're also looking at getting more of our local businesses involved in the Summer Fair by inviting them along to run a stall, to sponsor one of the school stalls or maybe to advertise in our Summer Newsletter. If you know a local business that might be interested in any of these things, then please feel free to give them our contact details, or to pass on the information and we'll get in touch with them.

