



Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School PTA

Registered Charity Number: 1122748

PTA News – April 2019

Rocket Fund – Our Rocket Fund Project was a huge success and we reached our target amount within the first 2 weeks of launching. The final amount raised was £1830.00

This will enable us to purchase the first 10 Chromebooks, the PTA will be funding the remaining 10. This will ensure that there are 10 Chromebooks available at both School sites for the children to use in their classrooms.

Massive thank you from us all to the following parents and businesses who without their generous donations we would not have been able to do this

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Cambourne Castles & Marquees

Hibbitt & Sons Ltd

Jonnie Beverley

Helen Tunster

Claire Worth

Nicola Ellender

Karin Pasco

Beauty Bapiro

We also received 19 hugely generous anonymous donations, we are so very grateful to each and every one of you – Thank you.

Some of our other spends this term have been on Times table bookmarks for all year 2 children to assist with their learning of the timetables. We have purchased some extra gardening equipment at Cambourne to help protect newly planted bulbs which once established will brighten up the playground. Both pianos are being tuned at Hardwick and this is being part funded by the PTA.

We have also agreed to partly fund the rebranding of the school website, this should make it much more user friendly to parents to find out what is happening with the school from in house events, homework and PTA organised fundraisers.

It was felt that the current website was poor when compared to other locals schools, it wasn't reflective of what Hardwick & Cambourne can offer to families and children.





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When prospective new families are looking to choose their ideal school the first port of call is often the website, we also have many families moving to the area from abroad and they often only have the website to base their school choice on.

Hopefully by improving the website we will become the first choice for many of these children and this will assist in increasing the available government per pupil funding to us.

The total spend by the PTA in the last 18 months has been in excess of £20,000 across both sites providing vital extras for the schools and all of the children to enhance their education and time at school, we couldn't have done this without all of your support at the events we set up, we hope they have been enjoyed and upcoming events will be enjoyed too, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Fundraising

This term we have been busy coming up with new ways to support the school in fundraising.

Our first ever **Krispy Kreme** sale was a huge success in that we sold out at both sites in 20 minutes, we had no idea how popular this was going to be and we will look to do another maybe in the autumn term – we will hopefully be able to offer more next time so that no one is disappointed. Keep your eyes peeled for them at the Summer Carnival though!

Money raised from this and other bake sales contributes to our South Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership membership which enables all children to take part in sports Tournaments arranged by the partnership with other Cambridgeshire schools, we have already taken part in a Tag Rugby Tournament and Cross Country where we came third overall in our first ever competition. More events are planned for the summer. The sports partnership also opens up opportunities to try new sports in school through hire of equipment we would otherwise be unable to easily access.

We will be continuing our support to the ICT improvements at the school and will be launching our **5p Challenge**, the children can bring in 5p pieces and help fill up a 2litre bottle in their classrooms. Dig around under sofas and cushions and see how many you can find! This will be running from after the Easter break until the bottles are filled, children can bring in their 5p's at any time. Each class will be given £25 out of what is raised and they will be able to decide amongst the class what they would like to spend this on, a class party maybe or a new piece of classroom equipment! The remaining amount will be put towards improving ICT at School.





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Pastoral Care have asked for any good quality uniform to be donated, this can be taken to either office.

Announcements

Nicola has decided that this will be her last year as Co-Chair at Hardwick and so we are looking for a new Co-Chair from Hardwick Campus to work with her for the next couple of months, shadowing her and learning the ropes. If anyone is interested in this rewarding position, please contact Nicola on nicola@lathey.net

Should any Hardwick parents feel that the Co-Chair role is too much to take on at the moment but would be willing to assist the current parents on the PTA with running & co-ordinating events at Hardwick this is also an option.

Emily will also be stepping down from July, Charlotte will remain as sole Co-Chair for Cambourne and work alongside the new volunteer(s) at Hardwick, the remaining committee and PTA colleagues.

We would like to thank Nicola and Emily for their dedication, help and support at all of our events. Nicola has been Co-Chair at Hardwick for the last 5 years, although has been a member for many years longer and we wish her a relaxing final year as a Hardwick & Cambourne parent, when her daughter enters year 6 in September. Emily is pursuing a new career and will have spent the last 2 years as Co-Chair at Cambourne.

Notice Boards

New notice boards have now gone up at both sites, this is a great place to find out what is happening with our events and where the money we raise is being spent, school updates can also often be found here.

Cambourne – is located outside the main entrance between the office doors and nursery entrance.

Hardwick – is located on the main playground between two of the year 5/6 classrooms.

Our new **School Lottery** launched in January. You can sign up at any time via www.yourschoollottery.co.uk A winner is selected every week from within our community of supporters and there is an additional chance to win £25000 in a national draw. Please spread the word to any friends or other family members who might like to support our school as well as having the chance to win our lottery. Tickets cost £1 with 40% coming back to the school.





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The next meeting is **Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7.30 at the Cambourne Campus**. If you would like to contact the PTA please email ptachair@googlegroups.com where we will do our best to help.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our exciting fund raising activities planned for the remainder of this academic year – Nicola, Charlotte and Emily

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Dates for your diary – Letters will also follow to confirm dates

- Bunnies & Bakes – Cambourne - 24th April 2019 (cake sale & choir)
- Psychic Night – Hardwick – 3rd May 2019 – Tickets are available at both offices priced at £10
- KS2 Disco – Cambourne – 13th June 2019
- 14th June 2019 – Cambourne - Father's Day shop will run for Reception and KS1 children – **Hardwick** will also have a shop but no date has been confirmed as yet.
- Hot Bakes Hot cakes – Cambourne - 28th June 2019 (cake sale & choir)
- Dress Down Donation Day – Both sites – 28th June 2019 – A non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the Carnival – Bottles these can be bottles of anything such as wine, shower gel, squash – it is for a bottle tombola so anything in a bottle goes! And also for the wine or water stall, unwanted teddies, chocolate & party bag fillers.

After the huge success of the afternoon tea at Hardwick a summer picnic is possibly in the pipeline – Watch this space for further information!

- Summer Carnival – 6th July 2019 – Hardwick- The Greatest School on Earth – our take on The Greatest Showman!
- Large Screen Movie Night – Cambourne - 13th July 2019 from 6.30pm – **Mary Poppins Returns** will be shown on a large open air 20ft cinema screen, hot food, popcorn and sweets will be available and a bar as well. Open to all, bring a picnic blanket to sit on and enjoy the film with your families. This is open to both Campus families and other members of both Hardwick & Cambourne communities. Tickets are priced at £9 per adult and £5 for children, children under 3 are free. Tickets will be available soon.