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Newsletter of the Charlton Kings Infants' School Parents & Friends' Association. Charity No: 1053722

PFA – Parents and Friends' Association

What we do

We are parents of children that attend CKIS who, on a voluntary basis, organise activities to raise funds for the school. The PFA exists to support the school, so that the children have the most memorable, varied and vibrant experience as they embark on their school journey. For children and families we have in the past organised the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fete, year group parties and cake sales and a Forest Friends' trail. And for grown-ups we've put on popular events such as Race Night, Dad's curry night, cheese and wine tasting, quiz nights and many more.

Where do the funds go?

Every year, we raise vital funds to buy resources that enrich the childrens' experience of CKIS. In the past we have paid for: iPads, a new PA system for the hall, the redevelopment of the outdoor area, our very own onsite Forest School, play equipment, ice-creams for trips and Y2 leavers presents, upkeep of the school guinea pigs to name but a few.... This year we've been fundraising for a 'Daily Mile Track'.

What does it involve?

As a parent or carer of a pupil at CKIS you are automatically part of the PFA. There are lots of different ways to be involved including joining the committee and attending bi-monthly meetings, being a class rep, helping at events or behind the scenes. We also help with adhoc maintenance of the school and grounds and in other ways to assist the school. We are a friendly lot and would love to have more enthusiastic helpers! We all have times when we may not be able to contribute as much, but any time you can give would be so much appreciated.





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Each class has a **Class PFA Representative** which acts as the link between each class and the PFA – helping to get any PFA messages communicated, answering questions and 'rallying' support where necessary. Attending meetings is a great way of doing this, as it's a chance to meet other parents – everyone is welcome. Class Reps also try and gather/maintain contact details of parents, and arrange social nights out for the parents of their class. It can be a shared role, if more than one person is interested. (NB – this role is a link between parents and the PFA and they do not act as a link between parents and the school itself).

I want to find out more....

Come and meet us – at the beginning of the academic year, we'll be holding a coffee morning, hopefully, in the main school hall where we will be available to explain some more over a tea/coffee and cake. We would like to identify Class Representatives for Reception classes at this event.

If you would like to be involved, please return the slip (place it in the PFA box which is located on the left hand side as you enter the main reception) or contact us at pfachair@ckis.org.uk

I'd rather just help out occasionally

That's great! - You can give us your contact details and we will ask for your help when we have an event on – this may range from manning a stall at an event or helping out at a school party.

If you don't wish to do any of the above, then please simply support us by providing cakes/raffle prizes/stall items, sell/buy raffle tickets and attend the events – every little helps, **THANK YOU!!**
