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Dear Parents

Welcome Back to School I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. This is our new school year 21/22.

For those new parents, the PTFA will update news on Fundraising every Term for both Crich Church of England Infant School and Crich Junior School.

### **NEWS ON THE CRICH ANNUAL BALL RUN**

We have Already sold 189 balls.

Our 21/22 Ball Run will take place in **Spring** this year. We shall be selling Balls at school and in the village in the next few terms. Details of how to purchase will follow soon. Balls will be put into Heats then the winners in a final Race. Top prize £100 cash and lots more runner up prizes.

The plan is to have it up at Crich Stand. I am currently in talks with the Regimental Secretary and Warden.

A really nice afternoon for the Family, Rain, Wind or Shine! I will be arranging a Parent Working Group to help with this event - if you would like to help please text me on the above mobile number or email me.

We have had a free prize draw for those parents who have already purchased tickets up to 28.08.21, this was to win a kindly donated Winnie the Pooh and Tigger.

THE WINNERS: Mr Orridge drew two numbers :- 87 for Pooh and 345 for Tigger.

### **SUCSESSES & THANK YOU's for 20/21**

**We are extremely proud to have successfully raised in excess of £2500.00 per school and achieved this adhering to Covid restrictions and rules.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped us achieve this, you are always willing to help, which really makes a big difference and eases the pressure on others.

One of biggest successes for last year was our wonderful cake stalls raising in total just under £1000.00. **THANK YOU** to all of you **Wonderful Bakers** for 20/21 we had such wonderful comments about how brilliant the Cake Stall looked and how delicious everything was. The introduction of Savoury Snacks was greatly appreciated too, along with how safe, in line with Covid.

**Our open Garden Festival went swimmingly considering it was our first one, with Special Thanks to all the teachers who supported this event. I am sure a Teachers & Parent Working Party will be easily achieved with such wonderful ideas on how to improve it further.**

**We received fantastic comments on how rustic, festival like and professional it all looked. If only the sunshine had been on our side. However we still managed to raise over £1800 with the downpours. Another big thank you to all that helped. Storage at the Junior School has been very much appreciated and ensures signage is ready for next year!**

**A Special THANK YOU** goes to our Sponsors of 20/21 – Storage City Ltd who donated cash on many occasions to support our purchasing for our events including Easter and Festive Hampers purchasing the BBQ food at our Open Garden Festival. Morrisons supermarket supported Cake Stalls the Festival. Our local Sponsors ‘The Loaf’ who supported our Street Cafe and Crich Butchers who donate to our twice yearly Hampers.

### **PTFA News!!**

We are very excited about the evolving PTFA for 21/22.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August a trial took place of a ‘Working Group’ set up by myself called the ‘Gin Bar Team’ set up for the Crich Fete. It was a great success! We managed to raise **just over £1000.00** for our schools.

I have personally thanked everyone who helped and offered a few hours (some more) on the day to help.

We would all like to enjoy going to the Fete. So to the people who offered and worked on our School Fundraising Team.... Once again Thank you so much for giving up some of your ‘family time’ to treat others.

**IT WAS SUCH A SUCCESS THAT WE ARE OFFERING TO ALL PARENTS AND TEACHERS NOW THAT IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA/EVENT OR ACTIVITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.**

In 21/22 we are taking this approach, rather than the Committee organising each fund raising event.

The reason for this is that we all have very busy lives and find ourselves with less time to devote all our time.

Over the last 18 months in particular, it has been extremely hard to raise funds but still managed to raise **£2500.00 per school.**

The hardest part though in 20/21 was that we could not recruit people onto the committee in the usual way. We would usually have a time slot at parent meetings to encourage people to join. These did not take place due to Covid.

With this in mind, this is why the PTFA has to evolve for 21/22 and shall consist of a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Then we shall have as many Parent or Teacher Fundraising Working Groups to help raise funds.

To lead a Parent or Teacher Fundraising Working Group, all you need is:-

\* An idea to raise funds, get your friends together and carry out your activity agreed by the committee and

complete your Fund-raising idea. This way that group has control in what they want to achieve.

The committee will guide you through the legalities and financial organisation alongside communicating to other parents via the correct channels.

The PTFA stands for Parent Teacher Friends Association hence why we can have Teacher Working Fundraising Groups and even Friends of Parents too.

For example :- I did the Gin Bar with some friends and volunteering parents. We raised money in the holidays for the schools, when usually in the holidays we wouldn't do an event.

If the organiser of a Parent Working Group would like to join the PTFA committee we will be recruiting at our next AGM in Spring.

### The next planned Parent Working Group is Myself and Cheryl the Treasurer.

We have decided that we shall manage the process for the 'Christmas Card Run' to raise funds for our schools. We will manage this by; Communicating to all parents in this Newsletter and communicating to both Head Teachers to achieve the early bird discounted rate to maximise funds raised.

Both Schools will be asking your budding Artist to create a Festive picture that can be put on a Christmas card, present tags, tea towels, bags for life and more.. Then you as the parent has the opportunity to purchase any these items by early November. You will have great personalized gifts for the family.

The Christmas card run raised over £600 each for both schools last year alone, so we felt it was an opportunity not to miss. It takes about 4 days worth of work each for the administration and counting of funds.

**We would like to recruit a new Secretary for the Committee.**

**Please ask at the School office if you are interested and give your details where we can contact you.**

### **YOU'RE INVITED**

Each year we like to support a couple of charities alongside our own.

**ON FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 9AM – 12PM - Taron at 2 Mansion cottage in the Village is hosting a**

### **MACMILLAN EVENT.**

**Here is the link <http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/events/nd4vqkld?Hdr=0>**

**Please go along if you can to buy some lovely cake for a very worth cause.**

**If you would like Coffee take your coffee cup.**

Enjoy the rest of the sunshine -I pray for more....

Best Regards

Deborah Lonsdale

PTFA Chair

for Crich Church of England Infant and Crich Junior Schools