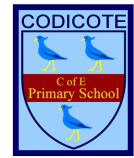


# Newsletter



Newsletter 2

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first few weeks back after the summer have been lovely – the children have settled into their new classes really well, and have been producing some beautiful work! I always enjoy seeing the classroom walls coming back to life after the holidays.

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes day, organised by Genetic Disorders UK. This charity, which we have been involved with for a number of years, supports families and individuals with a genetic disorder. As soon as we have counted up your donations, we will let you know how much we have raised.

Next Saturday, 'Family Games Night' - the first PTFA event of the year will be held, from 4.30 – 6.30 – tickets are available in advance (£4 – adults, £2 – children) , but not on the door, as we need to know numbers for catering and seating. We hope you can come along to try out your bingo and beetle drive skills!



## Web Site

Parents may not be aware that our school website: [www.codicote.herts.sch.uk](http://www.codicote.herts.sch.uk) is a useful source of information, and we work hard to keep essential information up to date. The latest newsletter is always available, along with previous ones, and important dates, such as term dates. The children's work section is updated termly, and photographs of school events are there too. If there are any things you would like included on the website, which are not already there, please do let me know.



## Junior Bake off

In assembly this week, we were all fascinated to hear about Thomas Gloyn's (Year 6) brush with fame! Thomas applied to take part in the 'Junior Bake off', and following a series of auditions, made it to the first reserve stage. As part of the process, he had to make a number of dishes and did a screen test. Unfortunately for him (but fortunately for the other children), no one was ill on the day, so he didn't make it onto the programme, but with his usual grace, told us all about his exciting experiences! Hopefully this will inspire him to take part in the adult version in the future – I will keep my fingers crossed for Mary Berry's continued good health!



## PTFA news

Thank you to everyone for their support of the PTFA last year – we raised over £12,000 which is absolutely amazing! As a result of everyone's hard work and involvement at PTFA events, we have been

able to fund the new mini bus, zip wire, classroom ‘extras’ and the cost of the coaches to the pantomime visit. All of these things benefit the children now, and for the future.

We are really grateful to Catherine Kay, who has been a fantastic secretary, and to Suzanne Lakin, who after many years as our super shopper, has now stepped down from the PTFA committee, but remains a helper. We are pleased to welcome Sarah Tobin as Secretary, Jo Woodman as Vice Chair, and Sophie Churchill as joint treasurer with Amy Turland. Our reps did an excellent job acting as a point of contact for parents – we would love to recruit a few more, so that we have at least 2 for each class. If you would like to be a Rep, please contact Helen Robey by text on 07703480239 if this is something you could help with – you do not even have to join the PTFA to be a rep!

Class	Reps
Nursery	Volunteers needed
Reception	Jo Woodman
Year One	Sarah Tobin, Sophie Churchill
Year Two	Louise Potter
Year Three	Amy Turland, Nikki Freeman
Year Four	Lynne Solomon, Laura Perry
Year Five	Sam Watkins, Gabi Karai
Year Six	Helen Robey, Suzanne Lakin

We have updated the School Website to include the latest news and events, for a useful reference point for you. The next PTFA meeting will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30, in the staff room. Parents and friends of the school are always welcome at PTFA meetings.



#### PTFA Calendar of events

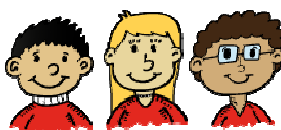
Date	Event	Time	Audience
26.9.15	Family Games Night – Bingo & Beetledrive	4.30 – 6.30	Families & friends
13.11.15	Film Night	6 – 8	Children
26.11.15	PTFA shopping evening	7.30 onwards	Families, friends & neighbours
16.12.15	Children’s Disco	5.30 – 7.00	Children
22.1.16	Big Breakfast	8.30 a.m.	Everyone
6.2.16	Family Quiz	5.00 – 7.30	Families & friends
26.2.16	School Sleepover	7.30 p.m.	Years 5 & 6
4.3.16	Mothering Sunday shopping	a.m.	Children
19.3.16	Family Disco	7-10	Families
31.3.16	Children’s Disco	5.30 – 7.00	Children
14.5.16	May Day Madness!		Everyone
9.6.16	Sponsored Walk	p.m.	Children & families
25.6.16	Summer Do!	6.00 – ‘til late	Families, friends & neighbours



### House Captains

Last week the houses elected their captains. Any one of the children would have made an excellent captain, so I am delighted I didn't have to choose! Congratulations to:

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Mimram:	Archie & Lily	Rosie
Lodge	Megan & Lucy Street	Katie
Bury	Daisy & Freddie	Erin
St. Giles	Callum & Roxy	Holly



### School Council

One of the highlights of my job is meeting with School Council – the children always have so many great ideas – particularly regarding how I should spend the school's money! This year, I look forward to working with:

Class	
Reception	Hazel & Isaac
Year 1	Oliver M & Lottie
Year 2	Louis & Ava
Year 3	Alex & Ava
Year 4	Jack G & Harriet
Year 5	Chloe & Noah
Year 6	Olly & Holly



### Football Success

Well done to our Senior Football team, who got the season off to a great start with a 4-2 win against Longmeadow School. We now have our fingers crossed for the Junior team, and the netballers, for their first matches.



### Community News

The John Clements Sports Centre will be holding a family fancy dress party on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30 p.m. Adults free, children (members) 50p and (non members) £1.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER