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The Paragon School Parents' Newsletter: July 2010

Notes from the PPTT

Firstly, a huge thanks to all the class reps for this year. Your help is very much appreciated and certainly does not go unnoticed.

New Class Reps We already have a few class reps but will need several more for next year. The roles of the class rep are: -

1. To come to the PPTT meetings and be a voice for your year or class – there are usually 2 meetings per term
2. To help the committee with social events and fund raising events for the school
3. To provide the rest of the class with a contact details sheet with email addresses, phone numbers etc on (often can easily be provided by the previous class rep)
4. To hold or organise any coffee mornings or end of term socials for the class or year

If you would like to become a class rep please contact Jules Lowrie juleslowrie@hotmail.com or your current class rep.

Volunteers We are holding several events next term and if you don't want to be a class rep we would still love your help in other ways, please see below for whom to contact to offer your help too.

Next Paragon Parent and Teacher Team Meeting – Thursday 16th September

At the next PPTT meeting one of the items on our agenda will be for Titus Mills and David Barratt to give us a brief outline on the 'Paragon Vision' as well as the role of the PPTT. All are welcome.

Autumn Term Events

September Revels – Saturday 18th September – 4 – 8pm at Prior Park College

This is a joint event being held by The Paragon and Prior Park, there will be live music from The Paragon and Prior Park. We will need volunteers to help behind the bar, setting up and clearing away, and we are going to have 2 stalls, Limbo and Hoop La. If you are able to help in any way with this event please contact Jules Lowrie

Movie Night – Wednesday 20th October, Pre-Prep – 4.30 – 6pm and Prep 6.30 – 8pm

If you are able to offer your help for this event please contact Jill Blane or Aisling D'Arcy

Ladies Pampering and Christmas Shopping Evening – Thursday 18th November

If you are able to offer your help for this event please contact Jules Lowrie.

The Christmas Banglo Party – Friday 3rd December

If you are able to offer your help for this event please contact Jill Blane or Aisling D'Arcy .

2010 Events

We have had great success this with our money raising efforts (even when we have not wanted to sometimes!) with the following results:

Ice Skating - At the wonderful ice skating event this year in February we raised £873.84 from our first joint event with Prior Park.

Children Disco – We raised £245.30 during our usual frantic evening of music and funky dance moves!

Summer Fete – At the summer fete this year we raised in the region of £1000. Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped to make these events such a success, special thanks go to Vicki Bunn and Andrew Bell for their help with the summer fete.

Banglo Party – Even though we didn't want to we managed to raise £40! More importantly a fun, relaxed evening with no clearing up by anyone!

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Cake Stall – The donuts and coffee are proving to be profitable as well as massively popular, so thanks to everyone who has helped raise £305 this year by making all our lives more fun on a Thursday.

Second Hand Uniform Shop – Thanks to the dedicated work of Ann Marie Mitchell we have banked £318 during this calendar year alone. Many Thanks!

Purchases This year the PPTT have agreed to buy several items for the school selected from a wish list provided by the school. The funds have been drawn from this and previous year's efforts: -

1. Projector and Audio Equipment for the school hall (Cost £2,600)
2. Cricket Equipment (Cost £500)
3. IT software support for learning support department (Cost £400)
4. The Pottery Kiln and installation costs, which is due to be fitted in the summer holidays (Total Cost £1,700)
5. 5 tricycles for the angels in pre-prep (Cost £500)
6. DT Kit to build a new school extension (Cost £130)
7. Portable oven and grill for cookery club (Cost £235)
8. IT Software for Subject Leaders to develop curriculum areas (Cost £1,000)
9. Fixed umbrella for Year 2 Courtyard for weather both fine and inclement (Cost £150)

Spring Term

There will be a Valentines ball in the Spring Term as Prior Park is unfortunately not available in the Autumn Term. Tickets will cost £48 per person and this will include a 3-course dinner and a Champagne reception. There will 12 tables of 10 available and tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. You do not need to organise a whole table, though you are welcome to do so if you wish, and tickets will be on sale early next term.

The Valentine's Ball will be our major fund raising event for the year and we intend to raise money both for a specific project for the school and a chosen charity. To help us do this we will be holding an auction. If you'd like to get involved by donating something we are interested in unique items or services that we could put in the auction. We're also particularly interested in those of you who have holiday homes who'd be kind enough donate a week's use.

If you have anything you'd like to offer for the auction please contact Huw Bunn. Any other queries or offers of help in running the Ball please contact Jules Lowrie.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer break. See you next term. *Jules Lowrie, PPTT Chair*

URGENT: Family with 2 children requires rented house/flat/holiday let ASAP. The house we rented whilst our renovations are taking place has sadly let us down, so we are living in a bit of a building site and need a rented accommodation immediately till the last week of August. Ideally 3 bedrooms, ideally close to Bath, but we will consider any options.

Friendly Slimming World Classes with Christine at Fox Hill Community Centre, Combe Down or Weston Parish Hall. There are evening and daytime classes. The nice thing about the Slimming World system you can eat loads and never feel hungry. Call Christine on 07976 709203 to find out more.

HOLIDAY LET IN SOUTH WEST FRANCE Beautiful converted farmhouse to rent. 1½ hours drive north east of Toulouse (cheap easyJet flights from Bristol airport). Located within easy reach of the renowned medieval towns Cordes sur Ciel, Najac and St-Antonin Noble Val. Set in large, attractive grounds in a peaceful location 5 minutes drive to the nearest village and shops and just a

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short walk from the local bar and restaurant. Sleeps up to 8 persons. Centrally heated plus two wood burning stoves. Three bathrooms, separate utility area with washing machine. Enclosed kidney shaped swimming pool with sun-lounge area. Table tennis, gas BBQ and ornamental pond. £925 per week in high season (July and August) £750 per week (May / June / Sept / Oct) For further information and to see photographs, please contact Kevin or Kate

FITNESS SESSIONS Karl Budd, parent of Isabella Budd, who runs **bfit and KidsCoach**, will continue to run group and individual fitness sessions during the Summer. The classes aim to provide overall fitness combining both aerobic and strength training. The classes are fun and challenging and are held in the great outdoors that Bath has to offer which will help both motivate and inspire you. The classes meet outside the school gates. Times and dates can be negotiated to suit you. All newcomers welcome. I also offer Football, Tennis, Cricket and Rugby coaching sessions for children looking to improve their core skills and confidence. For more information Please contact Karl Budd Bsc Sport Science on 07834 607918 or email karlbudd@btinternet.com for more details.

Summer Au Pair: 18 year old girl available for the summer as an au pair (great girl 'A' student, can drive). She is coming home to the UK from Dubai for the summer. Looking for live in au pair work in the Bath area. Contact her mum, Barbara

Summer Live-in Au Pair: Jessica, who is 16, is looking for a live-in au pair job for 3 weeks in August. Very keen to get some work experience, eldest cousin to a whole brood so great with kids! Contact her mum, Alison

Childcare: Hannah Park, 16, current Prior Park student, living near Chippenham, available for day or evening childcare over the summer holidays. 07796 762530

Salcombe, South Devon - holiday flat available for rent. Fancy a last minute holiday? This is fantastic family holiday base & we still have some availability for July, August. The property is the basement & ground floor of a house in the centre of Salcombe & sleeps 6. Within the property there is a double bedroom & a bedroom with 2 single beds & a bunk bed, a kitchen /living room & bathroom. There is also a small garden. It is located in Courteney Street; 2 minutes walk from the town centre & directly opposite the park. Price is £800 per week for June, July, August & £600 per week for rest of the year. For details & availability, please contact Annya Parson

Driving lessons - fully DSA approved, experienced driving instructor (and Paragon / Prior Park parent), very patient and reliable with excellent pass rates; regular weekly lessons or condensed courses available during the summer holidays; competitive rates (+ block booking discounts). Contact Mark at Melbourne School of Motoring T: 07767 300700 for further details.

Mother's help needed (3 or 4 afternoons per week) from September. We are looking for a mother's help to look after Ben (Reception) 3 or 4 afternoons a week (3-7pm). They must have their own car (as we live in the middle of nowhere!) and must like dogs. The job would involve collecting him from school and either taking him home or to tennis/swimming/the park/a friend's house etc., giving him supper, doing odd jobs around the house and starting bath time. If you know anyone who might be interested please ask him or her to email for more info. There is flexibility over which days they work but we would ask that they are able to commit to working in the term times. If they want to work during the holidays as well we would almost definitely be able to offer extra hours. *

Brokerswood Holiday Club Let your Children enjoy the fresh air and open spaces at Brokerswood Country Park under the safe care of our holiday club. Based at

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our newly refurbished building in the woods of Brokerswood, our club provides stimulation and entertainment for children 5 -13 years through the school holidays. This summer we are open Monday to Friday 9am until 6pm from 19th July to 27th August. Price list 9-6pm £31 (includes a light tea), 9-4pm £25, 9-1pm £15, and 1-5pm £15. To book your child into the holiday club or for more information Please contact Hayley on 07887551734 or hlanglois@hotmail.co.uk

Freestyle Fitness Yoga Classes Mondays and Fridays from 9.30 - 10.30 am at Wick Farm, Farley Hungerford. A wonderful mix of Tai chi, Yoga and Pilates all set to music. This class is great for toning, strengthening, flexibility and relieving your stress. Cost is £8 per class, payment is upfront in half termly blocks. For more information and to book please contact Jules Lowrie on 07966 406029 or juleslowrie@hotmail.com

Luxury holiday cottage to let - Woolacombe - recently refurbished 2-bed holiday cottage to let on the Willingcott Valley golf course complex c. 2 miles from Woolacombe. Sleeps 4. All mod cons + bar/restaurant & 15m heated swimming pool on site. Available for short breaks or weekly lets - for further details / prices / availability (incl. summer hols), contact Mark

Rabbits Rabbits. Three lovely bunnies, free to good homes. Please contact Amanda Honey

Why don't you try **La Rose Parfait Beauty Rooms?** 8 Chapel Row, Bath BA1 1HN. Tel: 01225 426123

Highly Recommended: Bath Festival of Children's Literature. Booking line opens on July 10th: 01225 463362. Event takes place Friday 24th September to Sunday 3rd October. Highlights this year include the creator of *Mr. Gum* books, Andy Stanton, *Horrible Histories* illustrator Martin Brown, acclaimed children's authors Cressida Cowell and Cornelia Funke, *CBeebies* star Mister Maker, Ben10, world famous choreographer and star judge Arlene Phillips as well as Children's Laureate Anthony Browne as well as Michael Morpurgo, Anne Fine and Michael Rosen. For more information visit www.bathkidsifest.co.uk

One to watch? Theatre at Lacock Abbey: An outdoor performance of James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. Thursday 29th July from 7pm. Gates open 6pm for picnics. To book call 0844 249 1895 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock [*Might be good, but could it really be as good as The Chair?!*]