

# The Orchard Primary PTA Newsletter

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Issue 1

Welcome to our first edition!

We are pleased to be able to produce a newsletter that highlights our achievements and lets you know what we have lined up for the future. Since September 2016, we have raised a good amount! Thank you to everyone that has helped us achieve this!

This year, we have been working closely with Mr Sutton and his team and spending PTA funds on new and exciting things.

All of the spending has been in supportive of the school ethos - **To ensure that children are 'Physically, Creatively and Academically fit for life!'**



We have worked with school and provided £1,838 for the hall lights and sound system. You will have had the "sound and light" experience in school assemblies, plays and if you were at any of the school discos.



We have also been very pleased to have given school £500 towards new resources for the library.



This year we have also given each class £200 to spend on learning resources and / or equipment to enjoy. This donation totals £2,800!



Since September 2016, with your help and support we have raised:

November Disco	-	£622
Christmas Fair	-	£2,141
Match Funding	-	£500
February Disco	-	£573

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PTA Orchard Primary



**Orchard Primary Parents Page**

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We are supported by a fabulous group of parents and carers who work tirelessly to ensure that events are a success. Please do get in touch if you can come to any of our meetings, help at discos, summer fairs or with anything else and if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, we'd love to hear from you!

### Dates for the diary:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief Bake Sale



Bring along cakes and biscuits on the day and have a cup of tea with us before the concerts. All proceeds will be going to RND.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Orchard School Summer Fair



Come along and support the annual Summer Fair. There will be lots to do. Keep an eye out for further

details!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Disco



# What are we fundraising for next?



## The Orchard Daily Mile

You will have heard about the Orchard Daily Mile and maybe seen updates on Twitter! All children at Orchard are encouraged to walk / run a mile a day which means that this is six laps around the playground.

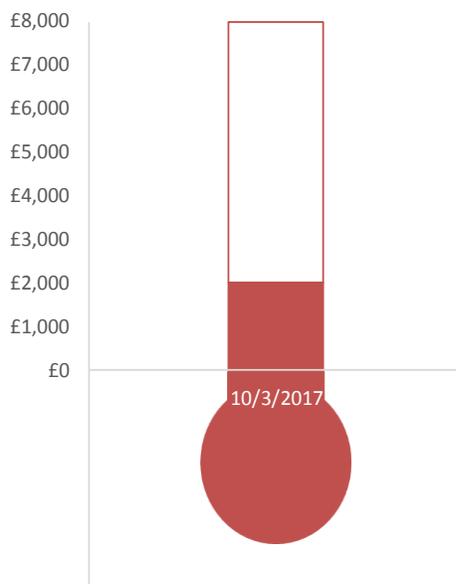
The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age or personal circumstances.

The PTA are pleased to support school with their desire to build a path around the perimeter of the school grounds. This path will provide a designated route for the children to follow which will be safe and accessible for all children.

The cost of the path is estimated to be **£8,000**.

We would like to raise this by the end of 2017.

Your help in supporting the school and the PTA achieve this is very much appreciated.



### Match Funding



Does your employer support match funding?

The Pound for Pound scheme supports charitable fundraising and volunteering activities, by donating a matching amount to your charity.

So far this year, The Orchard Primary PTA has received £500 from an employer that supports this initiative.

If you work for a company that supports Match Funding, then do please let us know.



The Orchard Summer Fair will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – let's hope we have gorgeous weather!

We are looking for people to help to make this a success. Do please let us know if you can help run a stall, help set up / clear away, create flyers or anything else that you think would make it a day to remember!

If you can provide / help source raffle prizes, please do contact Nicola Marston Smith: [nicolalizard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicolalizard@hotmail.co.uk)

As ever, Nicola is doing a great job in making the raffle a success.