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Dear Parents/Carers & Teachers and Staff

A belated welcome back to the school term. We would like to welcome a new PTA team. Maxine Williams, Carly Richards, Lorraine Booker and Esther Richards have taken over running the PTA. So, if you have any ideas, questions or want to offer help just grab them in the playground!

So far this school year we have had one of our biggest fund-raising events—the Christmas Bazaar. We raised an amazing £3,096.54. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and/or helped out on the day.

As this is our first newsletter of the school year, we haven't yet welcomed Mrs Coop to the school. So a warm welcome and the PTA looks forward to working with her.

Best wishes
The PTA



The Birchanger 10k

Sunday 10th May

This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the school year. Last year monies were spent on class trips, items for teachers' classrooms and the forest school that our children enjoy doing weekly or termly.

Anyone can enter — beginners, experienced runners or you can even power walk it! Children can enter the children's race which follows the 10k.

Adults £10 (£12 on the day) **Children's race** £1.50

To enter register at entrycentral.com or go to the school website:

<http://www.birchanger.essex.sch.uk/birchanger-10k/>

Are you free to help marshal at the event? We need volunteers to point the runners in the right direction and generally help out. If you can spare a couple of hours, please let Julia know.

Please contact Julia Kay on julia455@btinternet.com or 07769 882 670 to find out more.
She also has details of a weekly beginners session for any budding runners.

~ Dates for the diary ~

Cinema club: 4th March (the film will be *Hop*)

Fete/Sports day: 27th June

Cake stall: Squirrels class—Friday 6th March

Summer fete: Saturday 27th June

Teacher Wish Lists

As last year, the PTA has donated money to each teacher in the school so that they are able to choose something that they need for their classrooms. So far this year Ladybirds class have bought board games and a camera, Badgers class has also bought a camera and Squirrels have got board games and Lego.



The children really benefit from these little extras and it's the money that you help raise that goes towards these treats. So many thanks.

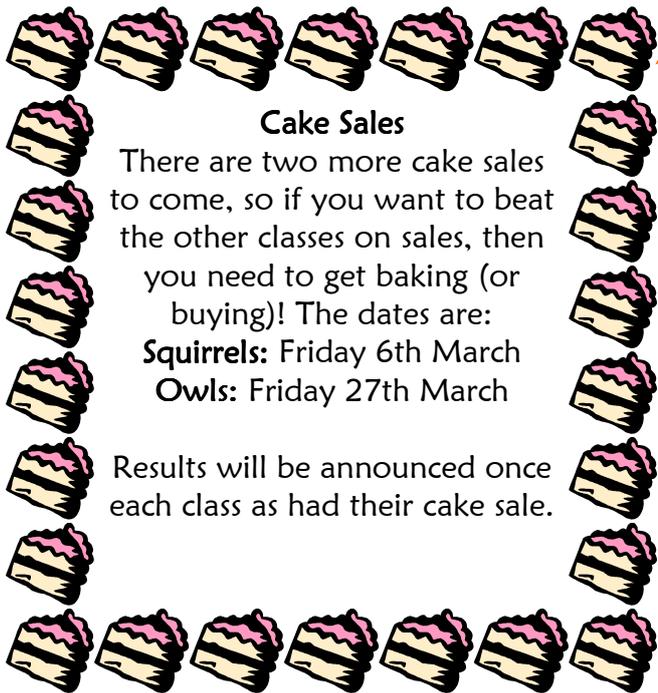


Year 5 & 6 LifeSkills Project

The cookery lessons that the PTA set up last year will run again this year with the school taking over. Owls class will be attending and the transport will be funded by the PTA.

PARTY!
We will be holding a summer party
(for adults) on Saturday June 20th
at Birchanger
Village Hall.
More details to come.

School website: <http://www.birchanger.essex.sch.uk/pta/>
Help or ideas: birchangerpta@hotmail.co.uk
Raise funds for Birchanger whilst shopping online:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/pta



Cake Sales

There are two more cake sales to come, so if you want to beat the other classes on sales, then you need to get baking (or buying)! The dates are:
Squirrels: Friday 6th March
Owls: Friday 27th March

Results will be announced once each class has had their cake sale.

Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast was a great success with most of the children arriving at 8 a.m. for pancakes and/or toast! We raised a brilliant £112.55 for the school.



The PTA Notice Board
(on the corner of the playground)

School Uniform
Order online: www.stparent.co.uk
Type in 'Birchanger' in the school name section and follow the instructions.
See **Liz Novell** with any questions.

If you are interested in advertising, then you can collect a form from the school office, contact me on my mobile number: 07896 664648 or reach me via: elizabeth-novell@hotmail.co.uk