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Dear Parents/Carers & Teachers and Staff

A belated welcome back to the school term. We have already made a great start to the school year raising a brilliant £2,904.77 at the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and/or helped out on the day.

On a sad note, we say goodbye to Mrs Warbrick. We would all like to send her our warmest wishes. She was a great supporter of the PTA and will be very much missed. We all hope that she gets well soon.

With the new intake of children lots of new mums and dads are helping out. If you want to help out in any way, contact Justine or Jen (above), Jackie Roberts or Julie Mussard.

Best wishes
The PTA



The Birchanger 10k

Sunday 11th May

This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the school year. Last year monies were spent on a variety of different projects. This years funds will go towards the external trips and an outdoor classroom.

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 marshal the event? We need volunteers to point the runners in the right 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: 26th February
Fete/Sports day: 14th June

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.

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/

The PTA Notice Board

(on the corner of Mrs Boniface's classroom in the playground)

The PTA notice board is now able to accept advertisements for items for sale. Adverts must include the item title, detailed and accurate description, contact name and phone number/email address and price.

Prices

Selling items; £1 per week or £3 for 4 weeks
Business Cards; £5 per school year

All funds raised from this will go to the PTA.

** Items must be in good condition (not toys that don't work)*

** Items must be deemed acceptable for advertising on a school notice board.*

** No electrical items and all adverts must be agreed before their inclusion.*

We will also be able to advertise local businesses via their business cards – nothing bigger in size than a business card.

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



Thank you!



*The PTA very kindly bought different types of Lego for Ladybirds. Here are some photographs of children enjoying the challenge of making the different models.
Mrs Boniface*



Year 5 & 6 LifeSkills Project

The Birchanger PTA has arranged for students to have a short course of Cookery lessons at the Forest Hall School during the second part of this term.



An introduction to the lessons will be held at Birchanger School on **4th February at 9am** where Sophie Ward, Forest Hall School's Food Specialist, will be coming into Birchanger School to get to know the children and introduce them to some of the skills and equipment they will be using.

The cookery lessons will then take place on **Friday 7th** and **Friday 14th March** for Year 5 students and **Friday 21st March** and **Friday 28th March** for Year 6 students.

The Forest Hall School have agreed to provide the lessons completely free of charge along with all the relevant ingredients and recipe cards and the PTA are funding transport to take the children to and from Birchanger School for each lesson.

The only thing the children will need to take with them is a plastic container/box to bring home their culinary delights!

If this initial course goes well the Forest Hall School have said they would be happy to arrange further courses later in the year.

Details of timings will be circulated nearer the time to all pupils taking part.

Selina Rankin



*Thank you very much for the fantastic items the PTA bought us for the classroom! They now have a very cosy reading corner with an organised magazine rack and comfy bean bags. It's now a relaxing space for children to read in peace.
Mrs Channing*