



For those that don't know, the Friends of Paddock Wood Primary School (FOPWPS) is the school's PTA. We are a registered charity and support the school where we can with additional resources and fun events! There are approximately 15 of us on the committee, so we are always looking for new supporters to help us in all that we do. With over 600 pupils we are ever hopeful that more people will step forward and join us – we are a very friendly bunch! Just simply come along to the next PTA meeting to see what we are all about and how you can get involved!



The recent fireworks event definitely went with a bang! We raised a staggering £6,000 in profit. We are so grateful for the whole school's support (teachers and parents alike). Thanks to everybody for their feedback, we will embrace all the comments and hope to make next year just as successful.

In order for us to do the fireworks event we couldn't do the Christmas Fayre as well, so we have decided to try something new.

On Friday 15 December we will have a 'mini-Christmas kids' event'. This will take place during school hours, and will fully get the children in the Christmas spirit. We will share more about this event with you very shortly once we have confirmed the details.

Donations please

To support our fundraising, we ask parents for a number of donations throughout the year – whether this be in the form of cakes or prizes for some of our favourite tombolas. We are so grateful for the support that we have at PWPS, we can't do it without you!

Old jeans...

At our recent fireworks event we realised that having money belts was such a good idea! Some of our PTA are skilled enough to make some out of old jeans – if you have any that you no longer need, please drop them into the office for us (adult sizes only please).



This year we have funded:

- Additional bins in the playground
- New curtains in both school halls
- Reception water bottles
- EYFS play equipment
- A new commercial hoover
- The annual pantomime visit
- Football kit
- New minibuses



We are in the process of making our own new website. In the meantime, do get in touch with us via our Facebook page – we'd love to hear from you! We will endeavour to produce an update for you via our own newsletter once every half term.

Diary Dates

15/12 Mini-Christmas kids' event

17/01 PTA meeting 7.30pm in the staff room

02/02 School disco - all years

28/04 Quiz night

23/06 Summer Fayre

Bonus club

We would like to use the money from our bonus club to fund a centerpiece for the playground renovations, and going forward use these funds for the general upkeep of new play equipment.

Please do join the bonus club – it is an easy way to support the school from as little as £1 a month, and you could be a worthy winner! It simply needs you to set up a standing order with us ... pick up a form from the school office for more details.
