



CAGE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) &
FRIENDS OF PHOENIX AUTISM CENTRE TONBRIDGE (PACT)



Welcome to our First Newsletter for this Academic Year!

We hope you have all settled into the new term. Welcome to all the new children and parents who have started at Cage Green School and the Phoenix Centre. Both the PTFA and PACT have been busy planning events for the next few months so this is a bumper newsletter to share with you dates for diaries and exciting plans both PTFA and PACT have, including the preparations that are underway for the Christmas Fair on 2nd December!

PACT Annual General Meeting (AGM)

PACT held their AGM on Wednesday 4th October 2017. The committee was re-elected and new events were planned for the new academic year. Thank you to those who attended.

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

PTFA held their AGM on Monday 2nd October 2017. Thank you to everybody who came along, shared ideas and offers of support for the academic year ahead. Plans were put in place for the Christmas Fair and other events such as school disco and film nights.

PACT Funding News

PACT would like to say a massive thank you to Dawn Coomber and her family for raising £150 for PACT at their recent event in memory of their daughter Hayley. It was a great evening and lots of money raised for local charities. Thank you!

PACT Specialist Talks and Coffee Morning

PACT will be holding their next social group coffee morning on **Monday 13th November from 9.30am at Broadview Gardens Tea Room, Hadlow College**. Our coffee mornings are friendly and informal. They are a chance to meet with other parents who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or additional needs and provide a good opportunity to share new ideas and gain support. Please let us know if you are coming so we can look out for you!

PACT will be holding a talk on **Wednesday 22nd November at 10am** by Slide Away.' All PACTs talks are held in The Upper Lounge, St.Peter & St.Paul's Tonbridge Parish Church, Church Lane, Tonbridge TN9 1HD. PACT's talks are free but numbers are limited so please book a place!

Circus!

PTFA and PACT would like to thank everybody who came along and enjoyed the circus! Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the event especially to the staff who gave up their time to support this community event. We had a lovely community afternoon and great fun was had by all!

PTFA News

The PTFA have had a busy 12 months using the money you helped us raise to purchase Kindles and storage for the children to use in school, along with the new sun shelters and gazebos you saw on Sports Day! We gave a donation towards Maths Week, Bedtime Stories, Cage Green's winning Carnival entry and new playground markings.

We were very happy to help Father Christmas and the Easter Bunny with their gifts for the children too!

The PTFA look forward to another 12 months of fun fundraising. Thank you for your support!

PTFA - Second Hand Uniform Sale

You can buy good quality second-hand uniforms at affordable prices. All proceeds go towards the school. We have a wide selection of dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, cardigans, sweatshirts, double-sided fleeces, plimsolls and t-shirts for sale, priced between £0.20 and £3.

We try and run a sale every month, but if you have any specific requirements or miss the sale, please drop us an email and we can arrange to look for it for you.

If your children have grown out of their uniform, we also welcome any donations.

Next Sale - TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 3PM in the courtyard weather permitting!

Dates for Your Diary

- **Wednesday 18th October, 3,15pm PACT Cake Sale, KS2 Playground**
- **Tuesday 7th November, 3pm - PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale**
- **Friday 10th November, PTFA Christmas Fair Donation Day - Wear crazy/odd socks and donate for the chocolate tombola or secret room.**
- **Monday 13th November, 9.30am Broadview Gardens, Hadlow College - PACT Coffee Morning**
- **Wednesday 22nd November, 10am Upper Lounge, St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Tonbridge - PACT Specialist Talk**
Slide Away - A young people's bereavement support service in west Kent.
- **Friday 24th November, PTFA Christmas Fair Donations Day -Crazy Hair and donate bottles (preferable alcohol) or children's tombola**
- **Friday 1st December, PTFA Christmas Fair Donation Day - Own Clothes Day and donations for the bottle tombola or cakes (homemade preferably!)**
- **Saturday 2nd December, 11.30-2pm PTFA Christmas Fair**
- **Monday 15th January 2018, 9.30am Broadview Gardens Tea Rooms, Hadlow College - PACT Coffee Morning**
- **Wednesday 14th March 2018 - 10am Upper Lounge, St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Tonbridge - PACT Specialist Talk**
Space 2 Be Me - The charity provides vital support for disabled children and their families in Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

PTFA Christmas Competition

This year again, in preparation for the Christmas Fair, we will be running a Poster Competition. Children will be invited to colour in a poster and/or design their own poster to advertise the Christmas Fair. The best poster will be used as the official Cage Green Christmas Fair poster and as the PTFA Christmas Card. Full details to follows.



PACT Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be held on **Wednesday 18th October** in the playground after school. All donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully received on Wednesday morning! Please come along and support PACT by purchasing our cakes after school. If possible, please bring a container to take your cakes home in!

PTFA Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December 2017 11.30am - 2pm

There will be plenty to do for everyone, such as meeting Father Christmas, Christmas Crackers, Christmas Art and Crafts, Tombolas and our successful Secret Room where children can pick out a present for mum or dad and have it wrapped so they can surprise you! The raffle top 3 prizes will be £100, a hamper and a home-made Christmas cake.

We will need volunteers to help collect the donations on Donation days and to man the stalls on the day, as well as setting up beforehand and clearing up afterwards.

If you run your own business, you can help us by giving prizes for the Fair, such as vouchers, hampers, toys or fund-matching.

We will be holding a meeting after half term to continue planning. Date and time TBC. Please come along and help us fold tombola tickets, discuss preparations and agree stalls.

To prepare for our Christmas Fair we have 'Donations Days.' Please see details below for more information.

	WHAT TO WEAR	DONATION
Friday 10 th November	Uniform and crazy/odd socks	Chocolate Tombola / Secret Room
Friday 24 th November	Uniform & Crazy hair, crazy hat	Children's tombola / Bottles (Alcohol preferably please)
Friday 1 st December	Non-Uniform	Cakes / Bottles

Want to raise money for the school whilst doing your shopping online?



Register for free at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/> and search for "Cage Green PTFA."

You can choose up to 4 causes to support. You generate commissions by shopping online with over 1,500 retailers including Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's and Next. The Giving Machine converts your commissions into donations for your chosen causes so you are raising funds for the school for free!!

PTFA Committee

At our recent Annual General Meeting, the PTFA Committee was re-elected. The PTFA Committee comprises:

Chair - Beckie Glassborow (Teaching Assistant, Children in Year 3 and Year 6)

Vice Chair - Alex Wood (Children in Reception and Year 3)

Treasurer - Helen Roberts (Child in Year 6)

Vice Treasurer - Kenley Chatfield (Children in Year 2 and Year 4)

PACT Committee

Chair - Tracy Weiner (Child in Year 5)

Secretary - Nicky Evans (Child in Year 3)

Treasurer - David Evans (Child in Year 3)

Events Co-ordinators - Helen Mestre/Hannah Man (Child in Year 6/Child in Reception)

Helping with Grant Applications - Jane Figueiredo (Child in Year 4)

Website - Tim Middleton

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Get involved!

Just to remind you that you can be involved as much or as little as you like. This can be anything such as suggesting a fundraising idea, attending meetings, contributing with donations or running an entire event! If you run your own business, you can help us by giving prizes for the Fairs, such as vouchers, hampers, toys or fund-matching.

We are always looking for ideas for events and suggestions for contributions. Don't hesitate to contact us by email, via Facebook or grab one of us in the playground!

Any support you can give will be appreciated.