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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you. A special welcome must go to the parents of children who have just started in Birchtor. We are always looking for new members to join us and welcome anyone with new ideas and could we remind all parents that PTA meetings are open meetings and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us with any ideas or help they can give. We are a very friendly, motivated bunch and ultimately just parents wanting to make a difference to the children! Last years fundraising was very successful and we want to thank everyone who supported us and came along to all the events that we held. We take great pride in the planning and organisation so that we can ensure everyone has a good time as well as raising much needed funds for your children.

With another fundraising year upon us we find the children are now busy gathering many ideas and items for us to consider supporting. The school council have listed some priorities already and at our last meeting the PTA agreed to fund digital voice recorders, high level sandpit for the early years, a music centre, art portfolios and a fabulous purpose built play equipment storage building which will hold a wonderful array of games and equipment for outdoor play. We are also investigating some sort of sun shade structure outside. We are now awaiting further requests and ideas that they will no doubt have set their minds on and we are currently in the process of putting together plans for future fundraising projects and events over the coming months.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in 3cs room.
All very welcome.

Valentines Disco Party

The PTA will be hosting a Children's Valentines Party Disco on Tuesday 10th February Denbury Village Hall with Jimmy Tamley aka Jungle Jim hosting the music and games - requests will be taken! Tickets are now on sale at £2 each for the Valentine's disco available from the school office so get them early to avoid disappointment! Included in the ticket prices are refreshments. As last year, there will be 2 separate discos as follows;

1) 4pm - 5.30pm Key Stage One (Birchtor) Parents are responsible for their own children and therefore all children must be accompanied by an adult, with a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children maximum. No unaccompanied children will be admitted unless this is adhered to. Children will be able to change into party clothes in the snooker area if they are coming straight from school.

2) 6pm - 7.30pm Key Stage Two (Bellever and Haytor) Children can be left unaccompanied at this disco and therefore on arrival at this disco, emergency contact numbers will be taken on arrival.

Easyfundraising - www.easyfundraising.org.uk - IMPORTANT - Please read!

Just a reminder to everyone - **please please please** remember that anytime you go to place an order through the internet please go to the easyfundraising site first and click on the shop or organisation you wish to go to. Choose from over **600** of the UK's best-known retailers including many popular names such as Amazon, Next, Argos, John Lewis and HMV, and when you shop using the links on the site up to **15%** from every purchase you make is donated to the cause you choose to nominate when you log in. It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and raise funds for the school using the site, and as many retailers now give extra discounts when you buy online, you can even **save money!** How easy can that be to raise funds?! Here is a list of just a few of the retailers involved - we are sure most of you recognise them and possibly shop with them regularly? Recently one parent raised approximately £20 for the school just by logging onto the site and going through it each time they shopped online (*and they don't shop that often!*). Imagine how much we could raise if everyone did this - please do go onto the easyfundraising website to register Denbury School and log in!

Just some of the companies involved;

Start Rite shoes	Marks & Spencer	Airtours	HMV
Baker Ross	Staples	JD Sports	Play.com
Pampers	Dell	Screwfix	Next
Tiscali	Oasis	Sky	Toys r us
Body Shop	UK Soccor shop	Argos	Simply Travel
French Connection	Flowers direct	Superdrug	Crystal Holidays
Comet	Parcelforce	Millets	Additions direct
Amazon	Tesco	B&Q	Asda
John Lewis	Direct Line holidays	British Airways	Blacks
PC World	Norwich Union	Boots	Boden

Easter Egg Hunt - Friday 3rd April

After a successful day last year we thought we ought to hold another Easter Egg Hunt! We don't think the children will let us get away with forgetting to! It will take place on the last day of term - watch out for those Easter bunnies!

Reminder for Unwanted mobile phones appeal

There are around 90 million phones circulating in the UK today and on average each household has at least 2 unused or unwanted mobile phones lying around in a drawer, perhaps with the intention of "doing something with that one day". If that sounds familiar then here is your opportunity to help school! If you had a new phone for Christmas and have your old unwanted one lying around please drop it in to the office at school. Foneclub will pay us £2.50 per mobile regardless of age or condition. We are running this appeal continuously so please search through the bottom of cupboards or drawers and ask family and friends too. There will be a box in the office where phones can be placed.

Help needed

Many of you will have seen the cover that goes over the large sandpit just outside Birchtor - it is in desperate need of mending or replacing - is there anyone who may be able to help with this? Please let Tracey or any member of the PTA know if you can offer assistance!

Thankyou!

If you have any ideas or can offer help in any way please do come and see one of the PTA members or leave us a note in the school office - every little helps as they say!