



BJAB PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION JANUARY UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

The PTA is active at BJAB! We are introducing this newsletter to make communication with the parents easier and to support the school's work to highlight upcoming events and opportunities for interested parents to become involved in the school.

A little reminder. **All BJAB parents are members of the PTA.** Those of us who can manage to squeeze a bit of time into our busy schedules meet regularly for PTA meetings to which all parents are welcome. Please come if you can! The meetings are fun; we make decisions about what the PTA will do to contribute to the school and meet other parents. The next meeting is **7 February at 7:00** at the school. The PTA is also always looking for people who can spare a few moments to assist in the school during the day and to help us organize, manage and run PTA events.

There are a number of opportunities coming up.



1. ENGLISH READERS PLEASE!!

As always we would like to bolster the number of parents that come in and listen to the children read. This is perhaps the single most important contribution that parents can make to the school and to our childrens' education. If you have half an hour or more regularly available please contact the school office. Our childrens' reading skills improve greatly given the opportunity to read out loud each day and reading with the children is fun!

2. FRENCH READERS PLEASE!!

Mme Wait is looking for a group of committed francophone parents to form a group to listen to children in Years 3 -6 read as part of a French reading morning once each ½ term. Please contact the office if you are interested.

As highlighted in the BJAB January Newsletter, there are two other major activities this Spring on 18 March: The Swimathon and the Sunbeam Tree Planting. Stay tuned for more details

3. LIBRARY

We need help in the library. Once a week or once every two weeks, we need volunteers to shelve books and tidy the library ; it enables our children to make maximum use of our library resources. We already have one volunteer but one or two more would be greatly appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will show you what needs to be done !

4. PTA SECRETARY

The PTA is looking for a secretary to work with the Chair and Mrs. Perry to develop the agenda for upcoming meetings and to take and write up minutes. Are you interested ? Please enquire at the school office.



5. LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

Each year the PTA aims to assist the school financially to purchase special items and to support the teaching programme. This year, the school asked the PTA whether it would agree to support its drive to expand and improve the library's book selection for our children. At the 10 February PTA Meeting, parents decided that the PTA, in association with BJAB staff, will launch a triple reading-related fundraising initiative which will require your support and children's engagement.

1. March 1st 18:00 to 20:30 PYJAMA NIGHT AND INTERNET SAFETY

For the children, teachers will be screening "The Neverending Story" (1984-102 mins) followed by a discussion on characters created by their imagination versus the ones provided by other media. Parents will be asked to sponsor the night (EUR 7 per child).

In parallel, for the parents, a session covering 'Children and Internet Safety' will be given. With the rapidly changing world of IT parents asked whether the school could organize a session on Internet Safety that will assist them to guide their children to maximize the benefits of the computer while keeping them safe. This is sure to be a useful session for all of us.

2. AROUND THE WORLD IN BOOKS: MARCH – SEPTEMBER

Students will be sponsored for a 'reading marathon' of books from around the world. Parents will sponsor their child with books (to be given to the library after reading) and other sponsors will donate a sum for each book read. At the end of the Summer Term in June, the children will make their donations to the school at an end of year event.

Through the summer, children will be challenged to further reading from around the world and be prepared to summarise to their fellow students the areas of the world that they have discovered in their return to school in the Fall.

3. MAY BOOK BANK: Parents can donate used books that are in good condition and appropriate for the school library. More details about this to follow.