

★ *Your PTA Needs You!*

As you are probably aware, we are still looking for someone to take on the role of chair of the PTA for the coming school year.

We have been extremely lucky over the last few years that we have had numerous successful fundraising events allowing for additional funds to be spent enhancing our children's experiences at school; this is primarily down to having such wonderful help & support. In order to ensure that we can continue to raise these essential funds, and in reality for the survival of the PTA, we do need more of you to help to take on different tasks.

*Spring Coffee Morning,
Saturday, 25th March,
11am - 1pm*

Please consider supporting the PTA, involvement could be individually or as couples or groups; the more help we have the better!

If you are interested in helping out, or would like to know more, please come along to a PTA Gathering on Wednesday 29th March, 7pm at school. Everyone welcome.

★ *Recent Funding – Exciting News*

We recently asked for ideas and opinions on ways in which we could spend some of our funds to continue to enrich our children's lives whilst at The Pochin School. In our meeting last week, our balance stood at just under £8500, and it was agreed that we spend just over £6000 on the following:

To enhance the children's learning at school:

15 iPad mini 2 32GB & 15 survivor case for iPad mini,

iPad air 2 32GB & 5 Folio case for iPad air 2,

1x 15 port USB charge only unit (portable),

Air server Licence for iPad whiteboard viewing,

Set up cost of iPads,

Annual maintenance of Meraki account and staff training of Meraki management

Total Cost = £5483



Maths equipment to help (KS2) children to visualise and gain deeper understanding of numbers:

Request for Numicon, Numicon boards, Numicon pegs, Cuisenaire rods

Total cost = £570

To support the Cross Country Running Club:

A feather base flag, water base, large flag which is to include school name, logo & email address

Total cost = £231

We are delighted that we have been able to fund such fantastic items, which all of our children will have the chance to experience during their time at the school; please continue to support the PTA so that we can provide these opportunities.

★ *Mad March Hair – Friday 10th March*

Our ever popular Mad March Hair event will take place next **Friday, 10th March 2017**. Mad March Hair gives the children the opportunity to come to school with crazy and wacky hair styles, in return for a small donation to the PTA. If your child would like to take part, they will still need to be in school uniform as normal.

★ *Whole School Disco – Friday 17th March*

The whole school disco will take place on **Friday, 17th March 2017**, from **6:30-8:30pm** in the village hall. The disco will be open to all pupils' and tickets will be £2 each, available to purchase on the door. As always, there will be a selection of refreshments available for your child to purchase. Unfortunately, due to insurance and space, siblings not at the school are unable to attend.

If you are able to help out on the night there is a sign-up sheet on the glass exit door where you can put your name down. Any support you are able to give would be a great help.

Save the Date – Social Night – Saturday, 1st April

A parent, teacher, family & friends social night is being planned for Saturday 1st April at Rearsby Village Hall. This is not to a fundraising event but to encourage people to socialise and have a fun evening. There will be a cost of £6 per person, but this is to only cover the cost of the hall and the entertainment.

★ *Spring Coffee Morning*



Donations ★★

Thank you to all those who have kindly brought in raffle prize and/or stall donations so far for this year's Spring Coffee morning. We will again have the boxes available after half term for any donations you may have. Items we are looking for include:

<i>Tombola</i>	Any tins, packets, toiletries
<i>Mum's Stall</i>	unwanted gifts, make up, nail varnish etc.
<i>Guess the Ribbon</i>	Toys, games, and soft toys etc.
<i>Raffle Prizes</i>	Chocolates, wine, spirits, vouchers or new unwanted gifts etc.

These can be sold on both the Cake Stall and also for refreshments. Please let us know if you can bring in any of these items, there is a list on the glass exit door at school where you can sign-up.

Clearly labelled plastic boxes can be found by the glass exit door to the playground for your contributions. Also you can leave any donations (in a bag please) at Breakfast or After School Club as we appreciate you may not always get into school every day. Anything you are able to contribute would be a great help; we couldn't run this event without your continued support.

Calling all Cake Bakers ★★

We are looking for any cakes, scones, breads, biscuits, children's cakes, jams/chutneys that you are able to donate. These can be sold on both the Cake Stall and also for refreshments. Please let us know if you can bring in any of these items; they can be brought in on Friday 24th either before or after school. Please leave them in the pupil's kitchen (at the end of the corridor, near lost property).

Competitions ★★

This year there are two competitions for pupils to take part in: *Create an Easter Egg* and *Decorate/Colour a Spring Picture*; templates for the picture and entry slips for both competitions are now available for £1 each. There will also be a table set up in the playground afterschool selling entries, starting toward the end of next week. The competitions will be judged during the Spring Coffee morning, with prizes awarded for the most



creative entries. (There will be infant/junior categories for both competitions). Further information and entry requirements can be found at the end of this newsletter.

★ *Stay Informed*

Please continue to check the PTA page link on the school website <http://www.pochin.leics.sch.uk/pta.htm>, and 'like' our face book page 'Pochin School PTA' for updates. You can also email us at pochinschoolpta@gmail.com if you have any queries, questions or ideas.



Dates for your diary 2017:

Friday 10th March 2017	Mad March Hair Day
Friday 17th March, 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Whole School Disco
Saturday 25th March 2017, 11 – 1pm	Spring coffee Morning
Wednesday, 29th March, 7pm	PTA Gathering
Saturday 1st April, 7:30pm – 11:30pm	Social Night
Friday 7th April	End of Spring Term
Wednesday 3rd May, 7:30pm	PTA Gathering



Spring Competitions 2017



- *Colour/Decorate a Spring Picture*

A template will be provided; children are then asked to colour/paint/decorate the picture. The more creative the better!

Cost: £1 (one entry per Pochin School child please)

Rules: Please purchase your entry slip and template from the PTA in the playground or the school office. (Please tape slip to the back of your work).
All entries should be brought into school by **Friday, 24th March**, and handed to one of the PTA committee or left in the music room.

Prizes: Entries will be displayed and judged on the day, and prizes will be awarded to the most creative!

Materials you could use: pens, pencils, paint, collage, glitter, sticking etc, the more imaginative the better!

- *Decorate an Easter Egg*

You are invited to create an Easter Egg which will be judged at the Spring Coffee Morning.

Cost: £1 (one entry per Pochin School child please)

Rules: Please purchase your entry slip from the PTA in the playground or the school office. (Please fill in the entry slip and attach securely on to the back of your work).
All entries should be brought into school by **Friday, 24th March**, and left in the music room.

Prizes: Judging will take place on the day. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative entries.

Feel free to use a wide range of materials when decorating/designing your egg – the more imaginative the better!

Please note: Both competitions are open to all pupils, but infants and juniors entries will be judged separately. Good Luck and have fun!

