

Spring Coffee Morning, Saturday, 30th March, 11am - 1pm

★ ★ PTA Fundraising

This Saturday, **16th March 2019**, a small group of parents will be climbing Snowdon (3559 ft), the highest mountain in England and Wales to help raise money for the school.

As most of you already know the money raised will be used to benefit the children in various ways, from author workshops, poetry workshops, punctuation shows, interactive animal demonstrations, new playground equipment, and ice-creams at the Christmas Panto - to name just a few!

It certainly will be a challenging climb for our novice mountaineers, so any donations would be greatly appreciated to help us reach our £2000 target. Thank you all for your continued support please see the link below to donate today.

<https://www.gofundme.com/teampochin>

★ ★ Exciting New Fundraising Idea – Spring Coffee Morning

As mentioned a couple of weeks back, we are planning a fun new fundraising idea to help raise funds for the Spring Coffee Morning this year. Each class have been given a specific colour (see below), the children can then bring something into school relating to that colour next **Friday, 22nd March**, and in return are welcome to come in non – school uniform that day. Your donation could be anything – however, please could we ask that used items are not donated, as the items will then be put together and created into luxury themed hampers. We will then be selling raffle tickets from 25th March and on the day of the Spring Coffee morning, for a chance to win one of the hampers!

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Here are the class colours:

*Class 1 – **Red** e.g. strawberry jam, red notebook*

*Class 2 – **Pink** e.g. smarties, pink book, pink gloves*

*Class 3 – **Purple** e.g. Cadburys chocolate, purple bubble bath, tin of biscuits*

*Class 4 – **Green** e.g. mint matchmakers, green candle, a bottle of lime cordial*

*Class 5 – **Silver** e.g. silver tin of sweets, silver candle, pen, tin of biscuits, toy car*

These are just some ideas! Please feel free to be as imaginative as possible as long as your item is the designated colour given to your child! Thank you for advance for your support in this fun new idea!

** Children can then come into school in non-school uniform on **Friday, 22nd March** in return for a donation of their designated class colour (to be brought in that day) Please can all donations be passed to the teacher/TA in their class **

★ ★ *Spring Coffee Morning - Donations*

A big thank you to all those who have donated items for this year's Spring Coffee Morning! If you haven't already donated an item for the upcoming Spring Coffee Morning, now is the ideal time! We are looking for donations for the following stalls:

<i>Guess the Ribbon</i>	Any new books, games and soft toys etc.
<i>Mum's Stall</i>	Any unwanted gifts, make up, nail varnish etc.
<i>Shoes/Handbags & Jewellery</i>	Clean and with life left!
<i>Tombola</i>	Any tins, packets, toiletries
<i>Raffle Prizes</i>	Chocolates, wine, spirits, vouchers or new unwanted gifts etc.



Plastic boxes can now be found in reception 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 29th** either before or after school.



★ ★ *Competitions*

Don't forget – there are two competitions for pupils to take part in this year: *Create an Easter bonnet* and *Decorate/Colour a Spring Picture*; templates for the picture and entry slips for both competitions are £1 each, and are available from the school office. 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 below.

★ ★ *PTA Meeting*

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for next **Monday, 18th March, 6pm** at school, where we will be finalising Spring Coffee preparations and continuing plans for all other upcoming events. Please join us if you are able; however if you are unable to make it to a meeting but would like to raise a point, make a suggestion etc. please see one of the committee and we will make sure it is added to the agenda.



★ ★ *Social Night – Reminder*

We are planning a social night on **Friday, 5th April 2019** at The Spice of India in Syston. This is open to all parents, grandparents, and friends and is a way for everyone to get together socially and catch up.

If we can get 30 people the cost will be £17.50 per head, however if we can get 50 people or more, the cost will be £16 per head. Please see Kate if you are interested.

★ *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 message us via this page too.

★ *Dates for your diary 2019:*

Monday, 18th March 2019, 6pm	PTA Meeting
Saturday, 30th March 2019, 11-1pm	Spring Coffee Morning
Friday, 5th April 2019	Social Night
Friday, 12th April 2019	End of Spring Term
Friday, 3rd March 2019	Jimmy Joes Clothing Recycling Event



Spring Competitions 2019

- *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, 29th March**, and handed to one of the PTA committee or left in the office

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 Bonnet*

You are invited to create an Easter Bonnet 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 on **Friday, 29th March** ready for displaying

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!

