

### Clubs On offer 2017/18

Swimming

Hockey

Film Club

Gymnastics

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Yoga

Dance

Football Skills

Mini Kickers

Gardening

Art

Board games

Tae Kwon Do

### Next Meeting AGM

- ◆ Monday
- ◆ 28<sup>th</sup> August
- ◆ 7pm
- ◆ Staff Room
- ◆ Everyone Welcome

## Happy New (PTA) Year

### Meet the team

My name is Claire Sills, current Chairperson of the P.T.A. Previously to this role I was the After School Activity Club Co-ordinator for 12 years. I have 3 children, but only 1 left at Currie Primary, in P7. The coming year will be my last year after 15 years with the P.T.A

The P.T.A work with the school, by fundraising and holding our annual May Fayre to raise money for non educational extras for the children which allow the school to spend their budget on educational resources.

Our roles are held by the following people:

Vice Chairperson – Karen Hill, who has children in P7 and P4.

Club Co-ordinator - Jillian Kemp, who has children in P7, P5 and P2.

Treasurer - Val Reid, who has a child in P7 and is also a PSA in the school.

Assistant Treasurer - Mandy Speirs, who has a child in P7.

We also have a number of very supportive parents and staff who help the P.T.A fulfil its role in the school.

We are always actively looking for new parents to support the P.T.A at meetings and/or at our many events throughout the year.

You can contact the P.T.A at

[currieP.T.Aclubs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:currieP.T.Aclubs@hotmail.co.uk) or on **07740778080** .

For club information or advice you can call **07983423358**.

We meet monthly during term time and our meetings are very informal. We look forward to seeing new and existing parents at our AGM on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## After School Activities

### Clubs on offer 2017/2018

Members of the P.T.A Will be in the reception during meet the teacher on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

We have tried our best to offer a wide variety of clubs this term as you can see from the list to the left, and we have tried to cater for all year groups. The clubs on offer are determined by us getting the coaches in place when they are available.

Last term gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, Art and Gardening were very popular so they are on offer again this term. We endeavour to offer a similar variety and number of clubs each year.

Club lists and application forms have been issued via the school website for this term and if these could be returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September we will then be able to get all the paperwork in place for clubs starting Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for being patient with us during this time, as you can imagine it is a very time consuming process making sure everyone gets the club they requested. Where possible we would like to email parents the dates and information for the clubs this term so we can cut down on the amount of paper being issued. Please remember and put your email address on the application form.

Currie Primary P.T.A are very pleased and proud to be able to support and subsidise your children's swimming lessons within the community.



Both Currie and Balerno High schools offer swimming lessons 7 days a week and if you book lessons with them your child is entitled to 50p off each lesson per week. All you have to do is inform the office staff at CHS or BHS when booking lessons that your child attends Currie Primary School. A form from our primary is no longer required.

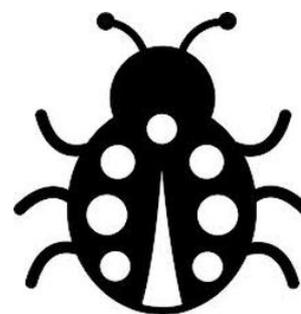
We require a parent on rota each week at our clubs but this usually means each parent only has to do it once per term. It is important that the rota parent turns up as we need them to help with equipment, make phone calls and deal with minor first aid instances. Sometimes it is just a case of sitting in the reception area for 40 mins to answer the door to latecomers and dealing with toilet and water fountain breaks.

We have had to increase the cost of the clubs to £2.50 per week to help cover all the costs involved in running clubs. This however is the first increase in 10 years.

## PTA EVENTS FOR 2016/17

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✚ Beetle Drive – Wednesday 13/09 6.30-7.45pm
- ✚ Halloween Discos for P3-P7 – Friday 27/10 (Times tbc)
- ✚ Halloween Party for P1-P2 – Friday 27/10 (Times tbc)
- ✚ Christmas Market – Date to be confirmed
- ✚ Spring Disco for P3-P7 – Wednesday 28/3 (Times tbc)
- ✚ Magic Show for P1-P2 – Friday 18/5 1-2pm
- ✚ MAY FAYRE – SATURDAY 26/05 12-4PM



Our first event of the year will be the **Beetle Drive**. This is a fantastic opportunity for the younger children to get involved and to meet other pupils from school and their families. It is usually a great evening with adults enjoying themselves as much as the kids. We always have a game of stand up bingo in the break and refreshments.



In October we will have our Halloween Discos and a Party for the younger children. The whole school enjoy these events and we have competitions for best pumpkins. The entertainment will be by Kidnetic who were fabulous at our last Spring Disco.

Nearer Christmas, the school hold a Christmas Market run by the older pupils. The P.T.A join in with this event and local people have stalls selling various crafts and products. The date for this years Christmas Market has still to be confirmed. Any profit made by the P.T.A helps fund the children's school Christmas parties.

In 2018, our first event will be our Spring Disco for P3-P7 pupils who can come along with their glad rags on and dance the night away!

May is our busiest month, starting with our magic show for P1-P2.



Then comes our biggest event and only fundraiser of the year, our annual May Fayre. This year it will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 12-4pm. This event always takes the most planning and organising and also require a great deal of input from parents and staff. Please put this date in your diary now. The 2017 May Fayre was a resounding success, making a record amount of £7,000 Clear profit, which was magnificent. I'm sure that you will agree this is an incredible amount of money and will all be used to benefit the children going forward. We will discuss how this will be spent at future P.T.A meetings. We couldn't have achieved this without the contributions and donations from parents, local community and local businesses.

I would also like to thank all those who helped to set up prior to, during and the tidy up after, including the children who came along with their parents to help. A special thank you to our face painters who do a great and busy job.

I hope that we can look forward to your continued support next year and the weather is kind to us again.

## How we've spent our £££ in 2015/2016



We aim to support all stage groups, the nursery and the library.

During last year, various contributions have been made by the P.T.A to the following items:

- ✚ Equipment for various clubs
- ✚ Donation to School Library
- ✚ Donation to the Nursery
- ✚ Money towards transport for out of school activities
- ✚ An inclusion fund, so that all children can take part in outings and activities
- ✚ P7 Quali Dance
- ✚ Dictionaries presented to P7 leavers
- ✚ Lighting system for the stage and Microphones
- ✚ Playground Equipment, to be spent once repair and extension works



This ensures that the PTA continue to have a good working relationship with the school, and we hope it lasts for many years to come.

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## A word from the chair

It is great to see the P.T.A working in partnership with the school so productively. This shows as a PTA, that we have a good working relationship with the school, and we hope it lasts for many years to come.

Thanks to Ms Hourston our Head Teacher for allowing the PTA to run clubs during what is technically school hours as this prevents us having to pay for some school lets.

I would also like to take this opportunity, what is my last year after 15 great years with the P.T.A to express my thanks and gratitude to all the members of the P.T.A., Coaches and Staff and Parent helpers who have worked very hard this year to provide your children with various fun activities and events helping to make them run smoothly.

Claire Sills

Chairperson

