

Family Quiz Night (Friday 9th March 7pm) – the whole family is invited to this popular event, where teams compete to win the coveted trophy and cash prize.

Summer Term

AGM (Monday 18th June 7pm)

Sports Day (Wednesday 11th July) – our final event of the year, where parents are asked to donate home-made cakes for the refreshment stall at Sports Day.

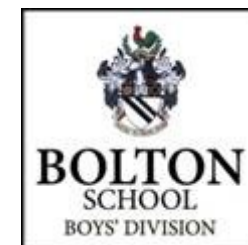
Other Ideas

There is plenty of room in the school year to incorporate other events and new ideas are always welcome, perhaps around the themes of the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics next year. Please get in touch and let us know how you can help.

How to get in touch

- Contact Helen Critchlow (Chair, Park Road Parents' Association) on 07973 600031, helencritchlow@btinternet.com
- Contact the school secretaries, who will pass on any message
- Send in a note to the PA via your son
- Speak to an active member of the PA outside school, at Cubs or at sports fixtures:
Rose Leese-Weller , Vice Chair
(c/o James, 5b, or at Cubs)

Park Road Parents' Association



The Park Road Parents' Association (PA) is open to all parents of boys at Park Road. Its main aims are to:

- ◆ Foster and support the welfare of the school
- ◆ Encourage involvement of parents and families in school life
- ◆ Provide a means for social and cultural activities among members and their families
- ◆ Provide information for parents

We are always looking for new members and ideas. Becoming involved with the PA is an ideal opportunity for parents to become more involved in school life, to meet and to get to know other parents and to help raise money to fund those little extras that enhance life at school for your children.

Committee meetings

Committee meetings take place at Park Road on a Monday or Tuesday evening. These meetings are our opportunity to plan and discuss events throughout the year. One person usually volunteers to be in charge of a particular event, with detailed arrangements then being made via email or sub-committee meetings. Mr Whittaker also attends the meetings. Minutes will be emailed to all Park Road parents, and will be posted on Sharepoint.

How to get involved

All parents are welcome at any or all meetings. To ensure our events are a success we need additional help from parents throughout the year. This may take the form of donating cakes or hamper gifts, manning a stall at the Christmas Fair, coming into school one lunch time to run the book exchange or stewarding at Parents' Evening. The PA keeps a list of email addresses of parents willing to help, and all parents on that list will receive all emails about organising the various events. Every contribution, however small, is valuable and we recognise that many people have too many other commitments to be regularly involved or attend meetings. But we would love to hear from you if you are able to help, even with just one event in the year or sending in donations for any of our collections.

Dates of Committee

Meetings

Our next committee meetings are on Tuesday 11th October and Monday 14th November at 7pm at Park Road. Dates of PA meetings and events can be found in the weekly newsletter from school that is emailed to all parents and is posted on Sharepoint.

Events

Autumn Term

Bag2School (Wednesday 12th October) – all parents are asked to drop off their unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. in the morning, for collection by Bag2School. The PA receives £500 per tonne of donations.

Stewarding for Years 3 & 6 Parents' Evenings (Wednesday 9th November) – parents volunteer for a slot during which they are stationed outside a classroom to co-ordinate that teacher's list of parent sessions. This greatly assists in the smooth running of Parents' Evening.

Breakfast Club (21st November) – boys attending Breakfast Club may be dropped off at 8am, and for £1 can choose from a selection of breakfast buffet items, with hot chocolate or fruit juice. This year we will be running it at the same time as

the Junior Girls, for one week.

Book Exchange (week commencing 28th November) – boys bring in the books they have finished with to exchange for a token. These tokens can then be redeemed on the book exchange stall during the week, for books brought in by their colleagues. This is a good way of stimulating reading amongst the boys with no financial outlay for the parents.

Christmas Fair (Friday 2nd December 6.30pm) – this is our largest event of the year and takes place in the Senior Boys' Great Hall. It is a magical evening with lots of stalls and activities for both adults and children to enjoy. We need lots of volunteers for this one so please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to help.

Spring Term

Stewarding for Years 4 & 5 Parents' Evenings (Tuesday 7th February)

Travelling Book Fair (6th – 9th February) – children are able to buy books from the Travelling Book Fair, which is manned by the PA, at lunch time and after school. The school receives a sizeable commission for each book sold, which is then used to invest in new books for the library and the classrooms.