



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29 January 2010

CSA AGM, Monday 25 January

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM last Monday: it was a great turn out.

We now have joint treasurers - Rose Maloney and Jane Walsh. Thank you goes to everyone else who has joined the committee; Jen Hyder, Carey Parsons, Louise Shepherd-Evans, Lorna Cheung, Janet Fergusson, Jo Grieves, Linda Avery, Juliet Dexter, Karen Masterson

We are still without a Chairman, however. After two years, it was time for me to step down and while I am still on the committee, I am serving as an ordinary committee member.

The chairman's job is a role that can be shared between two people. The Chairman is supposed to take the broader view of the activities and events the CSA does, and also to act as the point of contact between the CSA and the School. In meetings, the Chairman canvases opinions, makes sure everyone has their say and gains consensus.

Being CSA Chairman is also a role that has helped many people fulfil their potential during family-inspired career breaks and can even lead to a change in career. Previous CSA Chair Ingrid James was so inspired that she has since gained a first class degree in Charity management and now works for a national charity. The school manager, Lindsay Brodin, was Chair of Trafalgar School PTA and this experience was a key factor in her appointment at Collis.

There will be a considerable handing-over period, so whoever takes over as Chairman will be far from alone.

School Disco, Friday 12 March

This is the children's social event of the year. With 680 children in the school it is impossible to cater for all ages at any one time so we're offering different timings for different year groups as follows:

Reception & Year 1:	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Years 2 & 3:	4.45pm - 6.00pm
Years 4, 5 & 6:	6.15pm - 7.30pm

The cost is £2.00 per child to include entry, drinks and a snack. Tickets must be purchased in advance and a ticket request slip will be in the next newsletter.

The disco is being organised by Reception parents and they may need some extra help on the night to

assist with serving drinks & snacks, collecting tickets, supervising the children.

If you can help, please contact Catherine Roberts: croberts@blueyonder.co.uk or Charlotte Fryer: charlotte.fryer@googlemail.com

The Circus is coming to Collis!

Happy's Circus is back on April 28/29/30 2010. Come along with family and friends to enjoy a real circus in a big tent on the school field. There will be BBQ, Bar, Refreshments and glow goodies.

Not only do you all get the chance to enjoy the show, but **every** child at Collis (including nursery) will take part in a circus skills workshop in the Big tent during the school day. More details will be in future newsletters

Cake Sale for Haiti, £1,250 raised

Thank you for all the cakes everyone baked. Thank you to the parents who helped 'sell' the cakes, Helen and Angus Wright, Emma Poskitt, Ros Thelu, Sian Morgan, Veebs Andersson and anyone else I have forgotten please accept our thanks.

The sale raised a whopping £1,250, fantastic.

If you haven't retrieved your cake tin or Tupperware box, they will be on the picnic benches by the Reception shelter on Friday and then Monday.

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