



Newsletter

Friday 21st May

Rodney Barkworth - New CSA Chairman

"Hi there, I'd like to introduce myself as the recently elected chair of the CSA (as of last week). On behalf of the other CSA members and parents and teachers throughout the school, I'm sure you'll join me in extending my sincere thanks to the fine contribution the outgoing chair, Sue Croft, has made over her period of tenure and also, as a very active member of the CSA. Sue will continue being involved in the CSA with the Summer Fair and other initiatives, particular those with an environmental aspect. From my perspective Sue has handed over an organisation in good shape and with a very active membership.

I would also like to send a big 'thanks' to all of the CSA members and school staff for their warm welcome and support as well.

From the start of this year there seems to have been renewed interest in the CSA – we've got many new members who realise and want to be involved in helping their own children. One way they do this is by assisting with the varied activities performed by the CSA. I'm reasonably new to the CSA – having joined last year. Upon joining (well, just turning up to the meetings and assisting at a couple of events) I have discovered a great group of people with a wide variety of skills and interests who share a common goal – that of supporting an already fabulous school. You probably already know the CSA raises over £25,000 per annum for Collis... on good advice I understand that this is the equivalent of a 'lotto win' for many schools.

Whilst this appears to be a lot of money, it is not sufficient to help the school with some large capital works projects. For one piece of work, the ground works alone would exceed our annual amount and funding these projects would hypothetically commit CSA cash-flow for more than 5 years. Obviously, this is not a viable solution. Grant money appears difficult to obtain, based on our current research. It appears, sadly, that we are excluded from applying for many avenues of funding simply because of our demographic. So, in summary, we have a particularly large project without a funding source and **you** could be vital in unlocking appropriate funding. Please call me if you want to know how you could help with this large requirement.

Well, that's a bit of a serious start... like many people in Teddington I've done a lot of travel and find what we do at this school exceptional. That's why I'm involved. If you're already involved – then big thanks. If you're not involved then come along, we're fun, you don't have to make a huge commitment and you might find that your skills are just what we're looking for...

Dads Football

Congratulations to the 'Monday Night Bibs' on winning the Dad's football, it was a hard fought competition and great fun both for those taking part and on the sidelines. Many thanks to Matt White for managing the day and to Elaine McCormick and Fiona Breaks for keeping everyone going with refreshments. In total about £400 was raised – so thank you footballing families!

Teddington In Flower, Sunday 13 June, 2-6pm

The Nature Trail will be open to the public, this is part of the Teddington Society open gardens scheme. It is a great opportunity to look around other peoples gardens. This year the local Girl Guides will be helping serve tea and yummy cakes, also there will be plants for sale. The entry money goes to supporting local projects and the CSA. Come and try your hand at pond dipping, it is a lovely day out for everyone.

Summer Fair, Saturday 3 July – Raffle Tickets

You will soon be getting raffle tickets to buy and sell in your child's book bags. This year we have a great range of prizes which include;

- A week at Whizzkidz Summer Fun Camp
- Tickets to Richmond Theatre
- A meal for 2 (excluding drinks) at Alborgo, Teddington
- Sports Massage at Physio & Therapy UK, Teddington

- A Yummy Bakes birthday cake
- Day pass for 2 at Amida Spa, Twickenham
- Several Kids 'Goodie' bags, including Ben 10, Dora the Explorer and Scoobie Doo
- His and hers designer watches
- A month at Music Bugs, Teddington

Tickets will be £1 each or £5 per book. *If you're not able to sell all the raffle tickets allocated to you for whatever reason (perhaps you have more than one child at the school), please feel free to return them to the school office for sale to other families.*