

20th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As most of you are aware, our biggest fundraiser of the year is soon to be upon us; The Dunsford Summer Show, Saturday 29th June, in case you've missed the endless reminders!

The Dunsford Show sub-committee have been busy behind the scenes booking acts and exhibitors, designing posters, updating websites, recruiting volunteers, planning games and the dog show, booking classic cars, along with the less glamorous tasks of making sure we have bins, toilets, first aid, generators....the list goes on. It takes a lot of organisation but it is worth it for the amount of money we raise for the school.

We are reaching out this year for more volunteers. Many of you have kindly already offered your time, thank you, but we are still short of helpers. Please could we ask, if you haven't already signed up, that you or a family member spare an hour or two to make the show as much of a success as it was last year. We also need help setting up on the Friday throughout the day and packing down after 5pm on the Saturday.

This year PTFA has contributed to school trips for every year group, paid for a visit from the Barn Owl Trust, Tiny Travels and Devon Science (coming up in June), we have purchased a friendship bench, 16 Glockenspiels for music lessons and a maypole that is being used by all pupils and will hopefully make an appearance at the show.

We are hoping to raise enough money to upgrade the current forest school shelter into an outdoor classroom which will not only allow for a more comfortable forest school experience (no more leaking roof!) but will also be used for lessons such as science, geography, and art where curriculum learning can be enhanced by being outside. Not only is mental health and well-being improved through spending time outdoors but it's a way to deepen children's learning by getting them to experience lessons in a new and exciting way.



I hope this can persuade you to come and lend a hand. Please speak to Beth Webber or Mrs Sinton if you would like to get involved. It's a really fun day and the sense of community and achievement afterwards is hard to beat.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Matthews

PTFA Chair