



*This, the second issue of the PTA newsletter for this year, features the Music Lodge, sporty exertion, the Mexican eating East Sheen Intelligentsia and much more...*

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## NEWS DIGEST

### Olé, Olé...



The **Mexican Quiz Night** on 7th February was suitably challenging – certainly for our table. We have tried blaming the acoustics but that's a tricky argument to pull off when the winners were on the table next to us! Congratulations to the Egghead team of Nidal and Melissa Ramini, Mads and Ann Hansen, Sean and Sarah Pye, Jacqui and Jack Van Niekerk and Karen Hilder. A huge thank you to Quizmaster, Gordon Barnes, Quiz Co-ordinator extraordinaire, Ali Morris and Chef Wil with his gastronomic creations. The evening pulled in an impressive £1,200.



### A belated thanks...

...to Lizzie Calfe. Her mistletoe sale at Christmas raised over £100!

### New sports kit going down a storm

The new sports kit is proving a great success and the kids look amazing. The reversible jacket has sold like hotcakes. Trousers have been slower but the uniform team are keeping the pressure on regarding delivery.

### Still banging that drum...

A huge thank you to all parents who already shop online through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) – you have raised a massive £900 for ESPS!

All you need to do is:

- 1 Log online and join [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), selecting East Sheen Primary as your chosen cause
- 2 Follow the links to the retailer you want to buy from
- 3 Shop as normal

It costs you NOTHING but a donation will be made to the school. Add it to your web menu as a reminder! [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastsheensps](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastsheensps)

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### Did you run it, hop it or skip it?

The **ESPS Charity Fun Run** took place on Saturday 22nd March and a staggering 268 parents and children took part raising over £1,200 for the PTA on entrance fees alone. What an amazing effort all round. Thank you to Nic Wakefield and Susannah Anderson who made it all happen. Thank you, as well, to all those who gave up their afternoon to marshall the course. This really was an event started from scratch so plaudits all round. Don't forget to bring any sponsorship money to the office to bolster that total!

### Music Lodge

We have a new addition to the school landscape with the amazing new Music Lodge on the site of the old PTA garage. Music lessons will be starting in there after Easter. The PTA paid for that (or will have done by the end of the academic year!) so you can all look at it with pride.



### Bellinis Pizza – any time, anything off the menu!

Bellini's pizzeria has kindly offered to donate 5% of the total bill to ESPS PTA. All you need to do is get your receipt stamped at Bellini's and bring it into the office at school. This offer is available any time, any day for eat in or take away. They have now put together a children's menu which includes a starter, main course and soft drink for £6. So, if you are looking for a treat, Bellinis is the place to go!

### Gift Aid it!

The ESPS PTA is now officially registered for Gift Aid – which is where you come in. Please fill in the Gift Aid forms and return them to the PTA tray. You only need to fill it in once and then we can claim an extra 25% on eligible donations. Look out on ParentMail for the form. What's not to like?

## What's cooking in the PTA kitchen?

**Egg & Soldiers** have been working with years 5 and 6 for a term. Those of us in the upper school have been treated to lasagne, chicken curry and sticky toffee pudding – all beautifully packaged with the menu included for the challenging journey home from school! Feedback has been very positive from parents, children and teachers with children being very keen to get involved in the lessons, proud of what they take home with them and enthusiastic about using their recipe cards again. One year 5 child when asked their opinion said “awesome!”



### Toad in the Hole

#### INGREDIENTS

3 tbsp sunflower oil  
8 large quality sausages

#### For the batter

285ml milk  
115 g plain flour  
1 pinch salt  
3 free-range eggs

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Mix the batter ingredients together, and put to one side.
- 2 Put 3 tbsp of sunflower oil into a baking tin, then place this on the middle shelf of your oven at its highest setting.
- 3 When the oil is hot (approx 5 mins) add your sausages and cook for about 15 mins until browned (keep your eye on them).
- 4 Take the tin out of the oven and pour your batter over the sausages. It should bubble away if the pan is hot enough.
- 5 Put the tin back in the oven, and close the door. Don't open it for at least 20 minutes to make sure your batter doesn't collapse.
- 6 Remove from the oven when golden and crisp.



*egg and soldiers*

**PS: Following the cooking theme, we also bought two brand new saucepans for Wil!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SUMMER TERM

### Football Festival

**SUNDAY 8th JUNE**

Start planning your attendance now! Application forms will be available after Easter. Thank you to Scott Hunter and Becky Webster for organising.

### Mufti Day for the Summer Fair

**WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE**

Start collecting those new gifts, small toys etc for the Tombolas.

**Summer Fair SUNDAY 29th JUNE**

**Sports Day FRIDAY 11th JULY**

Lots of notice for all of you full time working folk out there! Get it in your diary.

### Find My Sport

**SUNDAY 13th JULY at RPA**



This is an event for the whole of Richmond borough featuring 20 different sports for children to try in one day. Every child who attends from ESPS will earn £1 for the PTA. [www.findmysport.net](http://www.findmysport.net)

## SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER**

### We know it's a bit early...

Save the date and polish your dancing shoes for a **Phoenix Party** in Putney on 18th October. DJ, Phoenix cocktails and a touch of fizz at the Star & Garter will set the scene for a great night out – tickets will go on sale in September. Thank you to the Star & Garter for free hire of the room and to Polly Bishop who is co-ordinating this.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our funds at the start of the spring term were £47,000. As mentioned above, the Mexican Night brought in £1,200 and the fun run a minimum of £1,200. During the term we have also been spending that hard earned cash – we bought 15 new tablets (£8,000), paid for the Egg & Soldiers trial in the autumn term (£1,200) as well as our ongoing commitment for the first half of the spring term (£1,400 per term from the PTA) and we paid our final commitment in respect of the new climbing frame (£2,000). Just the big one to go! A really good summer fair this year should hopefully see us pay for the new Music Lodge (£40,000) within the academic year.

**Fundraising total  
to date 2013/2014  
£18,500**