



Aah, Summer term! The most exciting of our school year, some would say. On the PA Committee, we'd likely agree, what with so much activity on the go (AND some sun to boot - long may that last!).

Speaking of which, please read on for details of our plans for the remainder of the school year including our annual Summer Fair and our second Gin Social, both of which are expected to bring some fun to the school fields next month. We've also a recap on the activities that have run in recent weeks, including some lovely photos of our Royally-relaxed Spring Ball held at the Headingley Golf Club on May 19th.

Just quickly, to any new parents whose children have joined the school since Easter, WELCOME! We hope you're settling in nicely to the Richmond House 'family'; we're very happy to have you. If you'd like to find out more on what we do within the school then please come along to one of our committee meetings next year. Or, better still, join us at our final event of the year, the PA Social, on Thursday June 29th at The Stables in Weetwood Hall. All parents and carers are welcome – whether you're new or long-established!

Deb Gilbert (PA Chair, & Parent to Byron in 2W & Poppy in Ladybirds)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 16th June	Summer Fair, 12-2.30pm
Fri 22nd June	Gin Social, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
Thur 29th June	PA Social – The Stables, Weetwood Hall.
Fri 14th Sept	'Welcome Back' BBQ and Camp Out

FUNDING UPDATE

Our total funds raised stand close to £20,000! Thank you for all of your support in raising such a fantastic amount, which can now be put toward items and activities of benefit to the school and our children – like those we have recently funded, including various pieces of equipment for outdoor learning and the ducklings hatching in school!

Help! (We need some bodies...)

The PA currently has over twenty people on our committee, who give their own time to organise numerous events and fundraising initiatives over the course of the academic year.

Our events provide a social forum for children and parents, whilst raising funds toward non-curricular items of benefit to the school. To continue our good work, we need YOUR support.

Every parent is a PA member, from the moment your child joins the school. You can choose to become more involved with the PA, as a Committee Member or an Active Member. Our Committee Members attend meetings each term, where we discuss and plan fundraising events and initiatives. Committee Members also play the lead on specific events. Active Members tend to help out with the running of the event itself rather than its planning, or act as a Class Representative – a day to day point of contact within our community.

If you are keen to know more, please contact parents@rhschool.org for more details or feel free to join us at a Committee Meeting from next September. Look out for the dates being announced later this term.

Richmond House Is Greener Than Ever!

Summer Fair - June 16th, 12-2.30pm

Each year, we hold our annual Summer Fair on the school fields. This one's a little different. Taking inspiration from the children's performance of Ocean World, we are shining a spotlight on disposable plastic and aiming to see as little of it as possible in use at our event. Think we can do it? We're going to give it our best shot!

The event will see many of our usual stalls on offer, including the ever-popular go karts, bouncing castles, Bliss Beauty Bar, Fill-A-Bag, tin can ally, coconut shy, lucky dip and spin the wheel, to name a few. Our fully licensed bar will be serving a range of drinks, with refreshments such as teas, coffees, scones, ice creams, and our fabulous barbecued burgers and hot dogs, also available throughout the event. We've got some fantastic Raffle prizes, too, including a £150 John Lewis voucher, free passes to The Deep and North Yorkshire Aqua Park, and many more!

We need your help to make it a hit!

Letters were sent home recently with details on the types of donations we're after this year. The perfect items for the Fill-A-Bag stall include pencils, erasers, badges, rubber balls and confectionary wrapped in paper or cardboard (think 'Smarties'!). For the Tombola, any new and unwanted items such as bottled drinks, jigsaws, toys, books and jewellery are just perfect. If you run a business and are able to donate a product or service to the raffle, please let the PA know immediately; or, simply dig deep and buy a few tickets! We already have a number of volunteers to help manage our games stalls but we desperately need a few more so please shout up if you can spare thirty minutes to an hour on the day to help out. And, finally... Don't forget the Bunting competition! Please encourage your children to have a go at making their own bunting triangle either before the event, or at our crafts table on Fair day. If you're doing this at home please use the template provided to cut your fabric to size, using one of the school colours (bottle green, white, yellow or gold). From there, the world's your oyster! The more creative, the better, and everyone's will be included in the final masterpiece. Just don't forget to name it and bring it to school on or before the Fair. If you need some inspiration, check out the one we've already started – it's hanging near the school office, awaiting your contributions!



Richmond House School Parents' Association

ECO-FRIENDLY

Summer Fair 2018

Inspired by

Ocean World!

SATURDAY JUNE 16 12-2.30pm

GO KARTS! Bouncy castles! Tin can Ally! Coconut shy! Water Games! Lucky Dip! Bliss' Beauty Bar! Raffle! And much more...

-Enjoy a BBQ lunch on the lawn with friends and family-
Ice lollies, light refreshments & licensed bar also available*

No Entrance fee: £5 Game cards available on entrance

* game cards not valid for food and drinks

Gin Social is BACK! This time, it's al fresco!



Last March saw our first ever Gin Social at Castle Grove. It was a great success, with wonderful feedback from all who attended. So successful, we thought we'd host another – on the school fields!

Once again, we will focus on Yorkshire gin, with six to try, plus our 'surprise' first drink and your own branded glass to keep. There'll be plenty of nibbles, too. Perhaps, even some sunshine!

Feedback on our last event suggested we start a little later and finish earlier. As such, this one will run from 6.30-9.30pm, allowing you time for childcare to arrive and time to continue on elsewhere later!

Once again, spaces are limited so please return your slip and initial payment asap (no later than June 13th). Watch out for letters coming home in book bags this week!



What do you mean, 'S'now Disco?

Remember back in March and we had all that snow? TWICE?! Unfortunately, there was sufficient of it to see us having to cancel our discos when we had planned to run them. But thanks to some quick 're-shuffling' we managed to arrange a fresh date with our regular entertainer and were back in business before we knew it. It did mean the event had to run on a school night which, we can assure you, won't become a regular occurrence – but what a lovely pre-Easter treat for the children!

Thank you to everybody's on-going support in organising, running or attending this event, which the children absolutely LOVE. The March discos raised in excess of £1,000, thanks to all involved. If you're keen to help the PA with future discos please contact parents@rhschool.org and we will add you to our rota.

Uniform Donations Update

Thanks for continuing to bring in your outgrown uniform items for re-sale in our second-hand uniform store. Each pre-arranged sale earns several hundreds of pounds on average, giving our total funds a rather nice boost. It also encourages our community to recycle and saves parents a quid or two in the process!

So please continue to bring in any items of clothing you no longer need. That's Richmond House specific items such as coats, blazers, jumpers, cardigans, pinafores and PE shirts/shorts/skorts; we are desperate for Summer Dresses in particular! Note that we no longer accept grey trousers and shorts or white shirts and blouses, but your local charity shop may do so.

Your children can continue wearing any current uniform until September 2019! So, remember to always check our store first before shopping elsewhere!

Oh, what a night... at this year's Spring Ball, Headingley Golf Club!!

Huge applause goes to our Ball Committee – Lou Jones, Kate Wells and Becky Jones - for organising another cracker evening this year! Whilst we were slightly down on numbers, we made up for it in true Parents' Association spirit, everybody eating, drinking, and dancing well into the early hours. The Royal Wedding theme proved a real hit, with plenty dressed in their original wedding garb (and those who weren't looking just as dapper in fancy frocks and suits). But the real star of the show was our photo booth, complete with props, which kept us extremely amused throughout the evening. Thanks again to Natasha and Sunny, Nursery parents to Narayan, for allowing us to borrow this for our do. Here's a taster of our evening!

