

PATCH

newsletter

March 2018



Welcome to the March newsletter. After a very full PATCH programme since the start of the school year, the events team have taken a short break. Our regular get-togethers also needed a rethink, so please do double-check the events list for the new dates.

It's now full steam ahead as the school have asked us to help towards the cost of some urgent repairs to playground equipment. This is where we will be concentrating our fundraising over the next month or so with your support.

Roundup



Mr Meredith joins Ian, Melissa, Lisa, Jayla and Liz to say farewell to Mr Foster and a huge thank you for his amazing energy and encouragement for PATCH. Please join us in wishing him well on his next adventure.



Your donations for Bag2School bagged £120 for PATCH and the IQ Christmas card scheme proved a no-brainer, raising a further £201.

We're holding another Bag2School in June, so get ready to clear out those cupboards!

events

Meet and Make

Community Evenings

7.30-8.30pm at the Manor House

Thursday, 8 March

Thursday, 10 May

Coffee mornings

8.45-10am in the studio

May – to be confirmed

Friday, 8 June

Discos

Foundation, Infants, Juniors

Thursday, 22 March

Spring Hats

Make a hat competition

Thursday, 22 March

Watch out for the flyers!

Cake and Bake Sale

May – to be confirmed

PATCH AGM

Early June

Bag2School pick up

Friday, 8 June

Summer Picnic

Saturday, 30 June

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What a tremendous response to our appeal for mugs! Here are just a few but we had plenty to go around for the great turnout at February's coffee morning. Thank you for helping to keep down our waste.



Playgrounds

As you will have read in the school newsletter, the equipment in the infant playground has been declared unsafe.

The repair bill is over £1,600, which includes some items over in juniors, so PATCH will be using funds from this month's discos and Spring Hats competition towards these costs.

Please do join in as much as you can so the children can enjoy their playtimes again.

Discos

Back by popular demand, we are holding another disco night on **Thursday, 22 March**. This time the juniors will also have a chance to boogie on down!

Refreshments, including those delicious samosas, will be available in the Studio for parents who need to stay.

Tickets will be available by application as before so get your forms in early to avoid disappointment! Flyers and posters will be going around soon!

As always, we need volunteers to help on the night. It really is great fun and the evening will fly by. Even if you can only spare an hour, that will be very much appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be on the PATCH noticeboard closer to the time or drop us a line at stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com.

Meet & Make

Our *Meet and Make* evenings are a great chance to meet new people and do something creative for the school. It doesn't cost you anything and the aim is to have fun! Join us on **Thursday, 8 March** at 7.30pm at the Manor House where we will be making and decorating things for disco night.

Spring Hats

We thought it more fitting to move the make-a-hat competition to just before the Easter holiday. Watch out for the flyer with some great ideas and remember, every entry helps towards the playground equipment!

Hello!

Hello, I am looking forward to working with the PATCH team as Acting Vice Chair for this school year. I am full time mum to twins in Year 3.

At the moment I am involved with the Leicestershire Deaf Children's Society and the Hearing Impairment Team based at New Parks House as the City Parent Rep, so if you are worried about your child's hearing then please do come and find me in the playground or at the PATCH coffee mornings.

I try to keep fit by running a couple of times a week down on the Meadows.

Lisa Chapman

PATCH Acting Vice-Chair



Hello!

Hi, I'm Jaime and I'm Acting Secretary of PATCH. Many of you will know me as Jayla's husband or through our children in Years 1 and 3.

My role for PATCH involves supporting Jayla and the rest of the team and, most importantly, getting hold of the samosas that are now an essential part of all our events!

When I'm not doing PATCH stuff, I'm a lecturer at Leicester University where I research the science of feeding – or why the brain makes us eat certain foods more than others. I also love football and try to play a couple of times a week. If any other parents want to try getting a regular game together then let me know.

Jaime McCutcheon

PATCH Acting Secretary



Coffee mornings

Waiting for a Celebration Assembly? Why not join us for coffee? Look out for the poster in reception on the day. We'll be in the Studio until 10am.

Next coffee morning: early May.