

The Link February to March



We are devoting this item to Offwell School's Parent Teacher and Friends' Association (PTFA) which plays an important role in school life and is a great link between the school and the wider school community. The Governors, staff and children are extremely grateful to all those parents who give us their time to help the school.

Our PTFA has been in existence for over 10 years during which time it has raised in excess of £25,000 additional funds for the school. These funds are hugely important to the school, especially now when funding (or lack of funding) from central government is such an issue. Money raised has helped: pay for transport for swimming lessons, shelters in the playgrounds, a new maths' scheme, reading books, school trips including pantomime visits, prizes for children's competitions and so much more. In the past they have organised and supported: Christmas Fairs, Dog Shows, sponsored walks, Sport Relief, Children in Need, Easter Bonnet competitions, Firework competitions and many other exciting activities.

The PTFA is a small committee led by a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer with up to 12 further committee members made up of parents and staff. They meet on a regular basis throughout the academic year and discuss how to raise funds and how to disburse funds raised. They try to incorporate a fun and social aspect to activities to encourage a family connection.

The next major fundraiser is on Friday 23 March and is an afternoon tea held in Offwell Village Hall. We invite children, parents, staff and members of the whole school community. We view our school community as including: other family members (grandparent, uncles and aunts), Offwell villagers, governors, villagers from all the 5 benefices.

Come along and meet us all.

**COMMUNITY
AFTERNOON TEA**
Friday 23rd
March 2018

3.15pm – 5pm



**At Offwell Village
Hall**

**All Proceeds to
Offwell PTFA**