

# NEWS

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## RICHARD COBDEN PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school, staff and other "friends" to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

### School funding Crisis and Meeting challenges together

School funding and falling budgets are hot topics at the moment and you may be wondering how you can help your school.

While the government is being confronted to address the funding challenges, parents are not powerless to assist their school. We strongly believe that school and parents working in partnership is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experiences for our children.

You can make a real difference! More parents involved with their Parents Associations means more money raised through more fun events, benefitting everyone.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Christmas Fair

Spring Term

Bake Sale

Summer Term

Summer Fair



<http://www.rcobden.camden.sch.uk/parents-association/>



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Ruhie Fyjun Ali Chairperson or  
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### What value does your Parents Association bring to your School?

- **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children
- **Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and school staff alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together
- **Parent voice** – discussing where PTA money is spent, talking to staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making.

### Join us

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer and be a force for good at Richard Cobden – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch.

Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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Parents Association

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## How can I help?

- Please donate samosas/cupcakes/snacks for us to sell at our next event - you can even enter the samosa or cupcake competition for some added fun!
- Raise money simply by shopping online – we are currently setting up our ‘easyfundraising’ scheme - please look out for details to follow!
- Drop in to our meetings as and when you can between 09.00 – 10.30, currently running every Tuesday.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are currently trying to raise funds for something special for our Year 6 pupils to enjoy in the last year before they leave Richard Cobden.

We also want to help raise funds for a new school garden. The children have gardening lessons where they learn all about growing food, nature and looking after the environment. We want to help them to buy soil and plants for the garden.

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**Learning Centre**  
**Tuesdays 09.00 – 10.30**

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Winter Christmas Fair Fundraising Event

Be sure to come along for some after school fun;

- Face Painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Tombola
- Book stall
- Food stall
- Samosa/Cupcake competition
- Games
- Santa’s Grotto
- Performance by our School Choir
- Raffle – lots of prizes including a child’s bike!

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