

# SPRING Fayre 2015



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## Save the Date—Saturday May 9th

The date of this year's Spring Fayre is getting closer. It is the main fundraising event for the Reading School Parents' Association each year, and we need as many parents and students as possible to get involved to ensure that it is a massive success. All proceeds go towards the RSPA School Project for this year, the Biology and Chemistry Laboratories, which will directly benefit most pupils for several years during their time at Reading School.

### Can you help out at the Fayre?

It takes over 100 volunteers to make the Fayre a success - we can't do it without you. Please can you click on the [link to our volunteer survey](#) and let us know if you are able to help and your preferred time. It will be really helpful if you could fill in the survey even if you are not available as it will cut down on the number of phone calls we need to make.

If you would like to help, please get in touch with the Chairs, **Sandra Rodrigues** or **Patricia Fryer** by emailing San ([san@roddy.clara.net](mailto:san@roddy.clara.net)) or Patricia ([p.c.fryer@gmail.com](mailto:p.c.fryer@gmail.com)).

If you are short of time, but keen to help in other ways, there are several ideas in this bulletin.

### Planning for the future

We will need some new volunteers for the Spring Fayre Committee in 2016, as current the sons of current volunteers move on from the School. Several key posts will become vacant, or will require a transition year before the current post-holders leave the School. Key posts that will need replacement in the next one to two years include Appeals, Silent Auction, Treasurer, Stall Co-ordinator, and Committee Secretary.

Do you think you could spare a few hours to make next year's Fayre a great success? If you think you could help, we would like to give you a taste of the work of the committee and what happens behind the scenes in the run up to this year's event. You would be welcome to come along to our next meeting on 25th April at 9.30am. Contact Patricia Fryer ([p.c.fryer@gmail.com](mailto:p.c.fryer@gmail.com)).

### Support the Raffle

The Grand Draw is the backbone of any successful Spring Fayre. By now, all parents should have received some booklets to buy or sell. There are some fantastic prizes on offer this year, including a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, a Fire HD 7, and a MercedesBenz Driving Experience. Please remember to return your ticket stubs to the Development Office in good time to be in with a chance to win. If you would like some additional books to buy or sell, please contact [fgreaney@Reading-School.co.uk](mailto:fgreaney@Reading-School.co.uk).

Reading School Parents' Association 22721  
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### Spring Fayre Grand Draw

1st Prize: **Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, 10.1" Tablet, 16GB, WIFI**  
2nd Prize: **Fire HD 7, 7" Tablet, 16GB, WIFI**  
3rd Prize: **MercedesBenzWorld U16  
1 hour Driving Experience**  
*Plus many other great prizes!*

Draw to be made on Saturday 9th May 2015  
in Reading School Grounds

Promoter: Mrs SL Rodrigues, Ceres, Hound Green, RG27 8LQ  
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with  
Reading Borough Council No. LOT 00060

Tickets £1.00 each

Keep in touch with the RSPA and Spring Fayre 2015 at [www.readingschoolpa.org.uk](http://www.readingschoolpa.org.uk)

## Recycle unwanted gifts, books, DVDs, musical instruments and sheet music

If you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas, Easter or a birthday, you could donate them to the Tombola or Silent Auction and they could help raise a tidy sum. Let us know which items you will be able to donate, and we will contact you soon with details of how and when you can drop them off for the Fayre.



This year, we would like to set up a stall for unwanted musical instruments and sheet music. They could be perfect for helping a young person to learn an instrument for the first time, or could help broaden the repertoire of a more experienced musician.

If you are spring cleaning your house over Easter, don't throw out any unwanted books or DVDs. Box them up and donate them to the book stall. They are always very popular with Reading School bookworms, and it helps save the planet too!

If you are able to help in any of the above ways, please let Patricia Fryer ([p.c.fryer@gmail.com](mailto:p.c.fryer@gmail.com)) know.



## Sowing Seeds indoors in March



The plant stall is always very popular at the Spring Fayre and links nicely with the project for this year, the new Chemistry and Biology Laboratories.

If you are a keen gardener, you have probably already begun your planting scheme for this year. Could you plant a few extra seeds to donate to the Fayre?

There is still time to sow plants for vegetable baskets, particularly herbs: basil, salads, dill, oregano, sage, parsley, tarragon, chives, thyme, coriander, marjoram, mint.

## RSPA Project for 2014-15—Science and Biology Labs

During 2014-15, the RSPA will be fundraising to help cover the cost of equipment and furniture in one of the laboratories in the new Biology and Chemistry Building.

Building work will begin in the Spring, and is due to be completed in early 2016.

Biology and Chemistry are extremely important subjects at Reading School. All boys study them as separate subjects up to GCSE and many continue with at least one for AS and A Level. They are also gateway subjects for boys wishing to study STEM subjects, such as medicine and engineering at university.

Our Biology and Chemistry teachers help boys to achieve some amazing examination results each year. This is despite the poor state of our current laboratories, which are too small and too few for the number of pupils currently on roll. Much of their success is due to the emphasis on practical sessions, and the hands-on experience which enables boys to gain a deeper understanding of scientific concepts.

Each new laboratory will be able to accommodate more students per class, which will increase safety and enable teachers to deliver better lessons. We will also have more laboratories, which will give each boy access to more practical lessons each year.

**Did you know that around 60% of our leavers each year go on to study a STEM subject, such as Life Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, Chemistry or Biology, at university?**

