

AGM – 9th November

Chairs Report

As another PTA fundraising year draws to a close, it is time to write my PTA Chair's report for 2016-2017, I cannot believe how quickly the year has flown! It has been another busy year for the PTA.

Whether it's hiding Easter eggs, making what feels like a million sweetie bags or wrapping Santa's presents there is always something to be done.

Thanks

My first thanks go to our wonderful treasurer Andrea who wears many hats including helping with minutes to the endless task of storing one hundred Easter eggs etc. She is an integral part of the PTA and the children are very lucky to have her.

A huge thanks to all the staff that put in extra hours to help with events. They find the time to ensure the children make their special items to fill a stall at the fair as well as put up with requests to dress as an elf etc. A special mention for Mr Beech who is now very accustomed to being asked to inflate space hoppers, fill duck ponds and finding popcorn everywhere after events!

Other thanks go to Susan Booth who assists with many jobs and puts her wrapping skills to great use! Kate and Phil for their skills on the BBQ/refreshments and Keith Massen for his "special" Christmas jobs! They also help with our community garden

A thank you to Mr Lawless for auditing the accounts and to Mrs Lawless for the numerous tasks she has assisted with.

Our achievements

We have continued to provide the termly teacher's fund, pantomime refreshments, sports day refreshments, rose queen and leaver's presents as is tradition.

We also added extensively to the outdoor toys so that during the nice weather the children had a variety of new additions to play with.

Easter proved as popular as ever and, thanks to a contribution from Tesco's, the Easter Bunny was able to provide every child with an Easter egg.

We were also able to bring in StarLab so that the children could experience a planetarium and learn many new things.

The children's Christmas parties/treats were also funded for all classes.

Agreed commitments for the financial year 17/18.

- 1) We have kept the teachers term fund so £1620 has been handed to the school to cover the three terms. This was felt the most simple way rather than do termly so that staff could budget and the children benefit accordingly.

- 2) An order has been placed for £5000 for ipads, cases and IT set-up. This will allow for 12 class ipads and 5 for SEN work. The money will be transferred to the school as we are able to save the VAT element this way.
- 3) £180 has been pledged to the school to pay for one of the coaches for the Pantomime to keep the cost of the trip down for all children.

Whilst hard work and time consuming, all our efforts are for the children to ensure that school life is not only about education but fun as well. We try and find a balance between active fundraising whilst being careful not to make too many requests from parents.

Being Chair is challenging, juggling the commitment alongside work and family, but it's been rewarding and enjoyable. However, after seven years it is time to hand over to a new committee who want to be more involved in their child's school.

I am sure 2017/18 will be another successful year for the committee and wish them every success.