

PTA Chair's Report – September 2018

A very successful year, our best yet! Let's look back over our achievements and the plan ahead for this academic year.

Recap of why we are here:

- Develop effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school
This has been really successful this year, and I have been working closely with Becky Harris, holding termly reviews. We continue to receive great feedback from many parents and staff and our Facebook Page has grown and is used widely now. The continuation of the termly newsletter, is keeping everyone informed and up to date of our achievements
- To engage in activities & providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils
*We have successfully seen through two major projects this year – new surfacing/marketing of the playground and the construction of our new Outdoor Classroom. We have also provided many other items and made contributions towards: New DT Equipment, Sciences Resources, Reception Class Dinosaur Workshop, Art Materials, Extra Classroom Resources, Ongoing Laptop Lease & Santa Gifts totaling an incredible **£17,505.92!!!***

The year was filled with fun packed events which included our usual Quiz Night, Disco, Advent & Summer Fayres, Craft Morning and we tried a few new ideas which turned out to be a big success: Grow a pound, Break the Rules Day & we changed the day of our Fayre to Saturday afternoon and extended the time which was a resounding success. We also collected Old/Unwanted Clothes for the Bags2School initiative & Sold an amazing amount of Cake!

We also had a great year with Grants and donations from local Companies.

The good news is that every event we ran last year, made a healthy profit and in total we added just over **£16K** into our coffers! With donations to the school totaling approx. **£17.5K**. The detail behind this will be covered in the Treasurers Report.

I have a HUGE Thank You to make to all who have been involved with the PTA over the last year and for making my year as Chair so enjoyable and so fulfilling.

Special thanks go to:

My deputy Natasha Senekal, who tirelessly completed the Risk Assessments for all the events & much more!!!

Emily Wardle – my secretary who does a fab job at note/minute taking and keeping us all in check, but for coercing her talented musical husband into another memorable Quiz Night!

Angie Williams – Treasurer for keeping all the money in order and balancing our books.

Holly Jones – the Second-Hand Uniform guru – thank you for all your washing, ironing, lugging uniform around and selling it at the school gate! Only one year left – who can fill her shoes?

Matt Newman – For running the Marathon for us! An amazing achievement.

The rest of my PTA Team – fondly known as the Hopton Heroes – you are awesome!

School Admin – for all the Parentmails and putting up with me pestering them!

Becky Harris – for her continued support & enthusiasm, and setting the bar high!

I could go on and on..... but I know you all want to go home!

Last year we also supported our community by participating in the Dursley Round Table Santa Collection, not only was it great fun but we bagged a £340 donation in the process. Special thanks go to the Girl Guiding who asked us to run the Bar at the Dursley Fireworks. I wanted to confirm, we didn't drink the profits and we were presented with a £400 donation for our efforts.

Looking forward, I have now received confirmation from Becky Harris of the next priority for the year ahead – boy what a challenge!!! To re-develop the KS1 Outdoor Space. Kerry Whitney is currently obtaining designs/quotations from contractors.

It just leaves me to say THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support, contributions of your time, it really is astounding of what we can achieve as a team.

Tracey Angell
Chair