



Chair Report: 27 March 2019

It's been another highly successful year for the PTA, raising funds for the school.

Headline figures

The headline figures are that for the financial year 2017/18 the PTA's income was £8,289 and total expenditure was £10,533, of which £2,795 related to fund raising costs.

Between the last AGM, a year ago, and September 2018, the PTA donated £5,924 to the school, which was predominantly a contribution agreed by the previous committee towards the new classroom fit-out and vital school equipment, including instruments and playground equipment. Between October 2018 and the current point we have donated £2,421, and some of this is detailed at the end of this report.

At the point of writing we have £3,302 in the bank. This is great news because alongside other commitments, detailed below, we are intending to support the school in it's purchase and siting of an outdoor facility, 'shed', which the children can use and store things in when they are enjoying their outside, gardening activities as part of the curriculum on a Friday.

Your committee and our purpose

We were essentially a brand new committee when we were elected into our roles at last year's AGM. We worked alongside the previous committee until the end of the academic year and we are really grateful for their advice and continued support of activities, and the healthy position they had established.

As a new committee, we've made a few subtle changes to the way the group can run in the longer term.

- We have established an identity to our communications to parents with the masthead (above) focusing on the key message / purpose which we took from Mrs D'Arcy when I met her to listen to what she wanted from the PTA. A really important message about raising monies to support initiatives 'now'. Not to bank it for long-term goals, but to benefit the parents and children right now.
- We have communicated our future activity to parents in advance, knowing that people have busy diaries, so giving them plenty of notice on future events.
- We have used the closed Facebook group more actively to communicate with parents, and share news on purchases made through the funds raised.
- We have a generic email address to enable parents to get in touch.
- We have set up online banking.
- And, as a committee we message each other through a WhatsApp group.

As a group, we have gelled really well together and have supported each other and enjoyed working together.



Alexa works tirelessly across the board, I don't think any of us can thank her enough. Becky has been a highly efficient Treasurer, and has revealed hidden catering talents! Rebecca is very efficient with our minutes, and also has been fantastic at running errands to source things for various events. We will really miss Jo Beeston from our committee, who has been a voice of experience for us, a willing helper and great helping with the floats for events. And, in more recent times we have welcomed Rosie Clements to the core group and welcomed back Claire Turp, both of whom provide such valuable help.

I'm delighted that as a group, with the exception of Jo for very good reasons, we are all willing to stand again for a further year.

I'm conscious there is also a core group of other parents and staff who support at the various events we run, and many thanks go to them too.

Summary of events since Spring 2018

A very high level summary:

- **Easter Egg Hunt 2018:** We made £510 profit and donated £102 to pre-school. A fun event that wasn't that well attended, which is a shame. It's led to ideas to try and draw more people in for the Easter 2019 event.
- **Summer Camp Out 2018:** We took almost £1,900 and we made a profit of £1,330 from which we donated £266 to pre-school. Well-attended, huge fun, and we realise the challenge we take on for this summer!
- **Sheep Racing Sept 2018:** We took £781, made a donation to the organisers, and made a profit of £571. The Beeston family did us proud with their organization, set-up and liaising with the event organisers. The weather was stunning, the donation of cakes from parents was fantastic, and everyone who helped that day worked tirelessly and we made a stunning return.
- **Autumn School Disco:** We took £688 and we made a profit of £501. Numbers attending were almost unprecedented. It was fun but frantic.
- **Christmas Fayre:** We took £2,518 and we made a profit of £2,055 of which we donated £411 to pre-school. We changed entertainer to Wayne Wonder and he was very well received, we learnt a lot about layout of activities in the school, and we assembled an awesome list of prizes for the main draw.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** We made a profit of £102 and donated £20 to pre-school. This is a fun event for the children, but not a major fund-raiser.
- **Spring School Disco:** We took £709 and made a profit of £526. We applied learnings from the Autumn disco and this time the whole management of people around the school worked much more smoothly.



Our main events have also been supplemented by second hand clothes sales and hot chocolate and cake sales too.

Summary of expenditure in the last 12 months

In addition to the items mentioned at the start of this report, we have also contributed to:

- New school website – made a contribution of £500
- £300 on cameras
- £200 contribution to lessen the cost from the cancelled pantomime trip in December 2017
- Coach hire for various trips, including Yr6 residential, the pantomime in December 2018, Yr1 trip to West Midlands Safari Park etc. We have made a commitment to support each year group with one trip per academic year with respect to a significant contribution to coach hire.
- New books
- Year 6 hoodies – a contribution

Looking ahead

We have introduced a writing competition with prizes, with winners to be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt event in late April, with the aim of attracting more people to that event. There is talk of a pub quiz at the Rose & Crown and also a fireworks event in the autumn.

We hope for another successful year and thank everyone for their support – staff and parents alike.

Graham Munday, Chair

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