

Platt School PTA

AGM 2017

Chair's report

I took over as Chair last year and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making me and the other new members of the committee feel so welcome. It is a fantastic team to work on and I really appreciate all the support and hard work that everyone puts in. I would also like to thank those committee members who, after many years of service, have chosen not to stand for re-election this year. Their support and help has been invaluable

Over the last year we have raised £9,251 (or a net amount of £5,465) which is an increase on the prior year and reflective of how much more families and teachers are getting involved and supporting the school.

The events the PTA have run and supported during the last year have included a Christmas fair and Christmas family disco, in total they raised over £3,300 which shows what a wonderful community spirit there is at the school. Whilst timing didn't allow us to do a summer fair we did manage to run a bingo night which was very much enjoyed by all the families that participated and showed what a natural Steve Perry is as a bingo caller!

Katie Henry threw her heart and soul into running a very successful and professional pamper evening. We had great feedback from all the stallholders and customers and the event rose over £600. We will definitely be doing another one this year.

The PTA also provided a BBQ after sports day which, whilst not a great money earner, does allow parents to mingle and refuel the children after all the running around. And thank you again to all the committee members who give up their time to offer refreshments at school events.

We say goodbye to Leyla and Jane who did an exceptional job of running the cake raffle and sat out in all types of weather selling tickets to the eager

children. Over the next year we are hoping to change the format a little to enable parents and children to pre-pay their cake raffle money at the start of each term.

All these fundraising events over both this year and last have enabled us to fund some great things for the school– most notably the laptops, school trips to Gangsta Granny and the Para Athletics and also purchasing a new playground hut. In total we donated almost £10,000 to the school in the last academic year. This will be covered in more detail in the Treasurers report.

Looking forward to next year we will be aiming for a target of £7,500 (after expenses). Mrs Walters will share with us her “wish list” which shows how this money can help the school. And we have agreed to provide each teacher with a small kitty that they can manage and spend as they like for classroom resources.

We have already started planning our fundraising calendar, and are hopeful to have a summer fair and also another Race night which proved extremely popular in the summer of 2016. Also the increasing number of pupils and families at the school will hopefully lead to more funds being raised.

With only a week to go until the comedy night tickets are selling fast and we are really hoping that this evening will get the 2017-18 academic year off to a great fundraising start.

This year we will not do a Family Christmas Disco, mainly due to a busy December calendar and also because the timing meant some the families with reception and KS1 children could not attend because it didn't start until 7pm. We are looking at the option of having another school disco in the term 3 after Christmas.

Given the number of events over the next year we have assigned one or two people to manage each event, and co-ordinate the rest of us. Please let us know if you would like to get involved in any particular event and we are always looking for volunteers, be it to sell tickets, advertise or running the event on the day.

Thank you again for a great year and a big welcome all those people that are volunteering to join the committee this year.