

St Mary's Hampton School PTFA Annual Report for the AGM Tuesday, 29th January 2019

The St Mary's Hampton Parent Teachers Friends Association (PTFA) is a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee currently consists of: Chair, Vice-Chair, a Secretary and we need to appoint a new Treasurer. There are also committee members, made up from parent members and Hampton Football Club as well as a teacher representative.

The objectives of the PTFA are to advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority), to foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents, pupils, governors and others associated with the school; and engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

The money raised by the PTFA over the last year has been used to fund the following:

- Outdoor Classroom / Pavilion
- End of Year Disco
- Christmas Pantomime
- Book Display Unit for the Library
- There is a balance as per the Treasurer's Report which will be put towards making the area outside classrooms 1-4 a hard surface to feature an allotment and quite reflection garden area as discussed with Mr white and at the PTFA meeting on 28th November 2018

The main activity of the PTFA has been the organisation of fundraising events and social events to further relationships between the pupils, teachers and parents. As the treasurer report shows this has been a very successful year.

PTFA Fundraising Activities

- **Cake Sales** - have been run by joint classes usually on Fridays or during assemblies. Profits have nearly doubled this year which is great to see. It has been proposed that each class is assigned a date for the year and can come up with their own idea to sell reasonably priced (50p-£1 as a guide) items such as cakes, crafts, fruit or biscuits. These events could be themed and the class can request additional dates if they so wish. All profits from these sales will be used to fund items specifically for that class and should be decided in conjunction with the class teacher. This is in an attempt to gain support from more parents.
- **Ice Lolly Sales** – this was popular, made a nice profit and we intend to continue these sales throughout the summer months with additional help from parents.
- **Bag2School Clothes Collection** – we collected 320kgs and made £128. An easy fundraiser and we already have bags being stored in the shed so definitely worth running in Summer term.

- **Curry & Quiz Night** – was cancelled this year due to lack of interest.
- **Summer Ball** – a big thank you to Natalie Bainborough for attempting to organise St Mary's first Summer Ball. Unfortunately the take up didn't make it viable so the event was cancelled and incurred some cancellation costs.
- **Movie Night** – again this event was organised by Emma Biesty but cancelled due to a lack of interest.
- **Spring and Summer Fairs** – profits for these events decreased by £1000 this year. This was not a surprise as it snowed on Spring Fair and was roasting on Summer Fair! The PTFA team in charge of managing these events have developed strong relationships with the local community who have been amazing with their support and donations. Again special thanks to Tredinnick & Bower who have sponsored 12-15 boards for each event and Birdie Bikes who donated our Star Prizes on both of these events. Parental support was a bit lacklustre in the first half of the year but saw a marked improvement after the summer break.
- **Happy's Circus** – a very ambitious undertaking which was nerve-wracking but thankfully paid off! We saw an overwhelming surge of enthusiasm from parents and children. Antoinette did an amazing job putting together the marketing collateral, programme and selling advertising and the whole team stepped outside our comfort zone and pulled together to create something remarkable for the School's 5th Birthday and the Hampton community. We sold all but 12 of the 600 available tickets and made an incredible £3445 profit! Feedback was superb and a local primary school's PTA were overheard remarking on how St Mary's PTFA managed to pull off such a big event with such a small number of parents! Well done to all who helped in any way – organising, manning and attending the event. Another circus in Autumn 2020 is being discussed?!
- **Secret Mother's and Father's Day** – these continue to be popular events. The children enjoy taking something home for their parents and carers, we have no problem recruiting volunteers for these events and they raised nearly £500 so thank you to Natalie Bainborough and Vicki Hodges for organising.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sales** – are now owned by Carley Doyle and Sophie Fenwick who have done a great job getting it all organised and sold. Dates need to be put in the school diary and advertised to parents for this year.
- **Fireworks Night** – Hampton Infants and Juniors very kindly allowed us a stall at their event to sell ice creams we had left from the Circus. It was not ice cream selling weather but the hardy team still managed to make over £200 profit!
- **Sponsorship Money and Donations** – a huge thank you to Kate Hannam, Kate Parker, Kate Rice, Vicki Hodges and David Wilson who raised nearly £600 running the Cabbage Patch 10k. Same again next year? And to Kate Parker for donating profits from her head lice aromatherapy treatments – makes me itch thinking about it but the treatment works and we're grateful for the donation!
- **Christmas Fundraising** – once again a massive effort was made during November and December on a number of activities.

- Poppy Sheikh once again organised the children's **Christmas Card** designs and made £385. Thank you Poppy.
- We ran our second **Christmas Shopping Night**. Despite sideways rain for the entire night we managed to make £50 more than last year! Feedback from parents and local community has been very positive and I feel this is definitely an event to add to next year's agenda.
- Another very miserable, rainy event was the **Hampton Village Fair**. We raised half of last year's profit which was a decent amount to make considering the weather. A special thank you to Stacey Forbes for the use of her premises at Tyler's Mum's Salon and to all who helped man the stalls. The PTFA committee have decided to take this event off next year's agenda due to a lack of volunteers to both man the stall and to make and source things to sell on the stall. We would welcome a volunteer to take this over though.
- Sharon Tattam and Jane Nicholson ran the St Mary's School **Christmas Tree Sale** for the second year and made an astounding £530 which was over £200 more than last year. The trees were of an excellent quality and great value for money. This should definitely be run again giving parents good notice and perhaps a slightly later December delivery?
- Another second – Ruth McCann and Seena Mistry ran another brilliant **Wreath Making Night**. It was great value for money, well attended and made over £526. A huge effort ladies. Another one for next year's agenda.
- A new parent from Reception Class organised and ran this year's **Secret Santa** event – every child participated, it was run like clockwork, the children loved it, presents were taken home and put under the tree and all this was run by the lovely Fernanda, Luan's mum who had only been in the school for less than a term! We need more parents like this!
- **Easyfundraising** – we have gained an additional 10 supporters this year with a total of 72 supporters signed up to raise money whilst shopping online using this support organisation. We raised over £300 this year with the total raised to date standing at £1,142.72. I would like to see a push on getting the remaining parents and grandparents signed up to this as it's a free and easy way to raise money and just takes a few minutes' education to get parents using it.

Another year of amazing events and a huge profit for a not yet full school!

2018 Planning

We were grateful for the parent support for our events and fundraising activities during the year in terms of attendance at the events, and the feedback we have received has been very positive. The first half of 2018 was very challenging with low motivation from parents which created a lot of work for a small number of parents. Thankfully this improved in Autumn term and the Circus and Christmas event had more support. It is important that we continue to build on the increased support for our events.

We have put a monthly PTFA meeting in the school diary to last no more than 90 minutes and we are hoping for better attendance and volunteers. Many hands make light work!

A planning meeting will be set up for shortly after the Annual General Meeting to plan for 2018 events. Dates are already in the diary for Spring and Summer Fairs and Secret Mother's Day events. Appointed PTFA members will meet to plan events during the year, come up with further ideas and delegate duties where appropriate. It is important that we manage to get task teams together for events and will be starting Spring Fair planning next week so volunteers are required.

Communication

The **Parent's Facebook group** needs to be looked in to urgently. Despite numbers growing to 117 members it regularly show just a handful of people viewing. We need to explore whether this is a Facebook issue or whether popularity of this group has fallen for some reason? It used to be a good way of communicating with a large number of parents but is proving to be a waste of time at the moment.

2018 Committee

This year has been a mixture of highs and lows for the PTFA committee. We have worked hard to register as a charity, set up better processes and communication tools and have put on a number of successful fundraising activities. We had hoped for an easier time this year sharing the workload with a new Joint Chair and Vice Chair coming on board in January but unfortunately circumstances quickly changed and both members sadly stepped down.

After much persuasion Hannah Gardner finally agreed to be co-elected back in to the position of Vice Chair, Terri remained as Secretary and Sharon has done a great job in her role as Treasurer. The team have continued to work well together. Sharon has taken on more personal commitment in 2019 and is sadly resigning from her position. The remaining committee members have agreed to continue their roles in 2019 should no volunteers come forward (in which case they'll gladly step aside!). However, all of us have taken on more personal work and the level of fundraising is no longer sustainable without more help.

2019

Next year's focus is on asking more parents to take on a little more responsibility, giving an hour of their time, offering a bit more support, owning a little event or an activity. Many hands make light work. If everyone would commit to attending meetings where possible, helping a little bit and drumming up enthusiasm and excitement we could achieve so much for our little school whilst sharing the workload.

It seems that there is little enthusiasm for adult events which is a shame as we miss the Quiz and Movie Nights and see that these are both very popular events for other local schools – more feedback is needed to understand why this is.

Being part of the PTFA can be very rewarding, lots of fun and a great way to make new friends whilst doing something remarkable for your children's school.

Lastly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the PTFA for all your tireless hard work, support and enthusiasm and of course your much needed sense of humour.

I wish everyone a very successful 2019 and am confident that it will be a very good year for the PTFA.



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St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School PTFA Chair