



Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Chair's Report to the AGM September 2017

Overview

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the parents, staff, our sponsors, Move Revolution, and people within the local community for helping the PTA exceed last year's total and raise an amazing £18,000. This has helped Mrs Davis both equip the growing school and provide new experiences for the children that would not be possible otherwise. Key highlights include:

- New laptops
- Read Write Inc resources
- Marvellous Me software
- Science week, Book week and Art week
- Workshops for each year group from Reception to Year 3 including Bollywood, Romans and drumming
- Music events
- Mr Linkalot workshop
- Christmas pantomime
- Outdoor play area resources, and many others

Top Fundraising Initiatives

As ever, our top fundraising events remain the Fireworks Night, Summer Fair and Christmas Fair which collectively account for over 2/3rds of the PTA profit for the year. There was a good deal of pressure on the PTA team given we knew in advance that Fireworks Night would raise less money this year in comparison to 2016 due to the reduced numbers allowed on site because of the building project. The weather wasn't as kind to us for the Summer Fair as it had been in previous years, and the net impact of these two alone was around £1,500 less than last year. Fortunately, some new additions to the fundraising calendar more than made up for this gap (more on that later). The Christmas Fair was marginally up year on year, and we hope will be again this year as the school continues to grow.

Lessons Learnt

There are always things that can be done better each year, and there are a number of things that the experience over the last year has reinforced:

- Having teams on board as early as possible to run events is a priority, especially in the Autumn term when two of the top three fundraising events happen
- Informing parents of PTA calendar dates as early as possible is essential, and we are working to get these into the Parish Post at the earliest opportunity

- Documenting the process of running each event makes it so much easier for new people to pick up the baton each year. I'll be stepping down as PTA Chair at the end of this academic year after my second term in charge, so am making sure the handover to other people and teams for 2018/9 onwards is as smooth as possible

New Fundraising Initiatives

As I mentioned earlier, the building project meant that the PTA knew finding new sources of funds was vital. Last year saw the following initiatives happen for the first time:

- Fundraising Fortnight over the Easter holiday
- Summer Soiree
- Year 3 Film Nights
- Boden Sale
- The Giving Machine online commission scheme
- Mothers and Father's Day Mugs
- Regular cake sales

These initiatives alone raised £3,424.49 for the school, and more than offset the drop from Fireworks night and the Summer Fair. Given their success, we will look to repeat these this year too.

Furthermore, during this academic year and in line with the continued expansion of the school, we will be looking to add a few more fundraising events including:

- An additional school disco
- Parents' Xmas social
- Bingo night

Additionally, whilst the PTA was unable to run second hand school uniform sales last year due to a lack of stock of the new branded uniform, we will be running these again this academic year.

Finally, the PTA are keen for other suggestions and/or fundraisers to be involved and would encourage anyone with an idea to get in touch.

Summary

Thank you again to all of those volunteers amongst the parents and staff who have enabled the PTA to achieve so much this year. Seeing first-hand the impact that these funds have on the opportunities afforded to the children at the school really does make it worthwhile.

Claire Shaw
PTA Chair
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