

**Reigate Parish Church School PTA Meeting  
January 19th<sup>th</sup> 2016, 8pm**

**Attendees**

Frances Davis, Head Teacher                      Lea Hamaker, Secretary  
Sarah Hyde, Chair                      Catherine Miller-Bassi, Treasurer  
Katie Eldred, Teacher  
Chrissie Purdy, Butterflies  
Charlotte Hutchinson, Dragonflies  
Katherine Morrow, Grasshoppers  
Lucy Watkins, Caterpillars  
Grainne Walker, Honeybees

**Apologies**

Hayley Ross, Karen Trusler

**Fundraising Report** – Please see PDF report **Spring Term Jan 2016 fundraising report**

- Fireworks made an amazing £5400 profit.
- The Shopping evening had a great atmosphere with stall holders all seeming to be happy. A nice mix of stalls. Possibly not the right place for lingerie and local artist possibly less successful. Home goods, foods, jewellery all seemed to do really well. – It would now possibly be good to have bags available with school logo etc for events such as these and Christmas fair etc.
- Christmas Fair made £3279 profit. Pizza was a great food addition which took the pressure off finding parents to run food stall. Made a good contribution to the PTA of £75 for the space.
- Cauliflower cards made £130
- Tea Towels made £636
- DVD made £220
- Uniform sales made £40

**Treasurer's Report** – Please see PDF report  
**PTA ACCOUNTS REPORT SEPT 15 - JAN 16**

**Head Teacher's report** – Please see attached document **HT Update, January 2016** at the bottom of the minutes

Although, other than Espresso (which is bought each year by the PTA), there have not been large 'stand alone' purchases the money that has been used by the PTA in school has had a 'wonderful impact on the education' of the children at the school. The provision of the new equipment has made teaching and the running of the lessons easier and smoother.

New lime level home readers are arriving in school this week.  
The Cinderella Pantomime was a fantastic performance for the children which was then used to introduce all years to a variety of maths based learning activities and workshops the following morning.

### **Fundraising Events for 2016**

**Valentine Disco** – Grainne Walker is the lead in this. St Mary's hall has been booked for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. All ages will be attending one disco. Avocado, who we used for fireworks, are providing the entertainment and music for the hour session. A drink and snack will be provided. Cost will stay the same as last year, £3.50. Ration needs to be 1 adult to 6 children, asking for parent helpers.

**Quiz Night** – Karen Trusler is taking the lead. This was due to be on March 18<sup>th</sup>, however due to a clash with another event being held at the school we will look for a date following the Easter break. Possibly in May?

**Soiree?** – This is a possibility going forward, which has been successfully run at the Priory school. A relaxed informal evening with music and food.

**Cheese and Wine** – possibly looking at the Autumn Term, October time as a good social event to get people together, especially new Reception parents.

**Cake Sales** – The spring 2 term alternative to 'Ice Cream Fridays'. Hayley Ross will lead. This will be run by year groups each week, asking for donations of cakes on the morning of each Sale. Parent helpers will be needed for each date.

Reception - Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> Profits to go to the PTA

Year1 – Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> Profits to go to the PTA

Year 2 – Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Profits to go to Sport Relief

**Bags** – Lea Hamaker to look into the possibility of getting a school tote or reusable bag printed with the class emblems for this year.

**Baking Master Class/Food Evenings** – Lee Simmons, a new parent to reception, has offered the possibility of a master class in patisserie/baking as a possible fundraiser. We need to discuss details with him and work out exactly what numbers and possible venues we could use, including the possibility of the new school kitchen, following the correct training.

Possibility of finding other parents with cooking skills (Turkish, Japanese) if the interest was there.

Lea Hamaker to liaise with Lee Simmons.

**Summer Fair-** A new team is needed for this. Chrissie Purdy and Lea Hamaker to approach volunteers. A lead person/team consisting of 3 would be good. The theme needs to be decided. Possibility of Olympics again?

The Open House sponsorship worked out well for the Christmas Fair team and raised £250 through the donation of vouchers for the raffle prize and the boards to advertise the event – this would be good for the summer event.

**Requests for funding** – Please see report attached **School Wish List for the PTA 2015-2016 (updated 21.01.2016)** at the bottom of the minutes

**A.O.B.**

**Fireworks**– Until we know further the timescale for building works etc we cannot decide if the event can physically take place on our grounds. Possibility of approaching ST Mary’s Hall, as long as safety guidelines are met. We will discuss at the next meeting and decide then.

**East Eggs** – Last year Easter Eggs/treats were not handed out at the end of the service. Instead Ice pops were given at the end of the summer term. Lea Hamaker and Sarah Hyde will look into the Easter Eggs this year again.

**PTA Committee happy for the purchase of remaining wish list items.**

**Date for next meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

**PTA**

**HT Update, January 2016**

**PTA pay for the annual Espresso licence which is provides a wealth of online content that is regularly updated**

Espresso is really useful for teaching religious festivals such as Christmas, and other religions such as Hinduism and Judaism. There are engaging videos and resources that reinforce and enhance their learning. Also, it has age appropriate updates on current affairs for example the children were able to watch Tim Peake's launch into space. Year 1 will be using the resources on British values to support their learning about the monarchy and the parliament this half term.

from Sophie Cusselle and Tara Wallace

**New Reception storage and new role play shed**

The new storage sheds have enabled us to store and access our resources better than before.

The new role play shed has been wonderful we have used it as a garage and the children have been writing inside it related to the garage theme. We also used it with sand tray to practise writing numbers. Next we plan to use it for "Fred Talk" activities related to our Read, Write Inc phonics lessons.

Children have enjoyed cycling around the shed and have needed to use more control to move through a smaller space.

The shed offers us versatility so it can be anything. Look out as to what it will be next!

from Charlotte Jagtiani



### **Art Week**

This year's Art Week theme is Black and White, looking at different techniques and styles of art which are monochrome (from silhouettes to pattern to photography). With the PTA budget we were able to purchase 2 canvases for each class, which will be used at the end of the week to celebrate the colour in our world as part of a colour party. These will also be a wonderful colour display in the entrance of our school. Other resources we were able to buy include lots of paint, a class set of soft sketching pencils, a class set of black fine liners and chalks. These will enable the children to explore techniques and mark making in a number of ways, also supporting our curriculum.

from Jo Andrew

### **PTA plastic boxes.**

Thank you for your help with organising our new resources for Read Write Inc Phonics (RWI) and the new national curriculum. Everything now has a place and is

easy to find. The resources are found in the stock room, outside Dragonflies and in each RWI teaching area.

from Sarah Kennedy

### **£2000 invested in new Home Readers**

Katie Eldred, our reading subject leader, has already ordered a good amount of Lime books and will be spending the rest of the £2000 budget this week with Oxford University Press and Collins to ensure all book levels have a wide selection of books across the different genres that will interest all children.

The PTA also paid for the black RWI aprons which have already been put to great use!

from Katie Eldred

### **Cinderella Pantomime**

The children really enjoyed the Cinderella pantomime and were inspired by the characters they saw. The production was excellent and had everyone in tears of laughter.

Year 1 wrote about their favourite parts of the show. The writing they produced was great as they had been so inspired by the performance, it gave them enthusiasm to write more. These first hand experiences really help them to create great sentences that reflect their love of the pantomime.

The pantomime also inspired our maths morning later on in the same week. All of the maths activities were fairy tale themed. This link gave the whole school a common theme that inspired and excited the children and enthused the children to have fun with maths. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.

from Esther Nicoll and Toni Burton

**School Wish List for the PTA 2015-2016 (updated 21.01.2016)**

<b>Internet Based Learning</b>		
Espresso, an internet education programme	£1,148.20	Paid by PTA
Microsoft licence	£521.00	PTA has been invoiced by the school

<b>Focus Investment for the PTA :</b>		
New home reading books	£2500	£2000 books (lime and then other books) have been purchased. TO BE PAID BY PTA

<b>Special curriculum days / weeks:</b>		
Science week – summer 2. Organised by Mrs Kennedy, the school’s science leader	£400	To be organised
Book week author – spring term 2 - Whole school Mrs Eldred and Miss Wallace, the school’s literacy leaders, will look for a visitor in March’s Book Week.	£400	A theatre company has been arranged to come into school to act out some traditional tales TO BE PAID BY PTA
Art Week – spring term 1 - art supplies. Organised by Mrs Andrew, the school’s art leader	£200  New cost was £152.67	This year’s theme is “black and white”. Art Gallery going up at the end of the week. Paid by PTA
Music – Baroque to Rock, Education through Music – Spring 2. Organised by Mrs Wright, the school’s music specialise teachers and music subject leader	£300	To be organised

<b>Performances:</b>		
January 2016 Pantomime – whole school seeing Cinderella	£445.50	This was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff. We have already booked next year’s pantomime “Peter Pan” for Reception – year 2 (two showings) 2016 pantomime paid for by PTA

<b>Curriculum workshops:</b>
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Year 1 – African drumming workshop	£400	To be organised
Year 2 – Bollywood	£400	To be organised
Reception - something related to Chinese New Year	£400 New cost £278	This is a dance company coming in to show the children a dragon dance and the children participate Actually costs £258 + £20 for stir fry TO BE PAID BY PTA

RE Day – Barnabas in School - whole school. Organised by Mrs Davis, the school's RE subject leader	£275 New cost £355	Barnabas in Schools have been booked again to come into school to lead the children in different activities to help them understand deeper the story of Easter and the importance to Christians. Actually costs £295 PTA agreed to pay for £60 for 120 Easter small work books for year 1 and 2 TO BE PAID BY PTA
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<b>Other</b>		
Year 2 leaver's coach	£400	To be organised
New Reception sheds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children's role play shed £245</li> <li>3 storage sheds £950</li> </ul>	£1195.00 New cost was £1,265.00	These have already been bought by school Paid by PTA
Storage : year 1 and 2 classroom storage – phased over next two years, £400 each x four classes	£800	To be organised
Plastic boxes to store NNC resources in	£200	Invaluable for us to keep resources together and easily accessible These have already been bought Paid by PTA
Storage for new phonic resources Back aprons for teachers to wear (and to keep RWI phonic cards in ) whilst teaching RWI	£200	Invaluable to have new storage and black aprons for the RWI phonics Paid by PTA