



Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Chair's Report to the AGM September 2018

Overview

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the parents, staff, our sponsors and people within the local community for helping the PTA exceed last year's total and raise nearly £22,000 (profit). This has helped Mrs Davis to equip the growing school, and has also provided new experiences for the children that would not be possible otherwise.

Key highlights include:

- New IT equipment (screens and iPads)
- Read Write Inc resources
- Marvellous Me software
- Science week, Book week and Art week
- Maths day, RE day, friendship day resources
- Workshops for each year group from Reception to Year 4
- Music events
- E-safety workshop
- Contribution to mobile technology
- 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 two thirds of the PTA profit for the year. All three events raised record amounts in the academic year 2018-19. The Firework Spectacular exceeded expectations which was, in part, due to the event being able to take more people than the previous year as the building works from the junior expansion had been completed. Collectively, these three events alone raised over £3,400 more than the previous academic year – well done, and thank you to all the people involved in organising these events!

Other big fundraisers include Fundraising Fortnight, regular cake/ice cream sales, Christmas Shopping Night and the quiz night. All these events will continue to take place. The one event that failed to get off the ground was the Summer Soiree. The date seemed to clash with many other parent events that were happening on the planned Soiree date and the growing trend of classes organising their own end of year events such as camping weekends are likely reasons for why it wasn't as well supported by the parent community. Given this, the PTA will need to seriously consider whether to plan this event next year to avoid making any further losses.

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 continued to reinforce:

- 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. To this end, the PTA now has created a new committee position, Promotions Officer, to maintain and collate a database of team volunteers.
- 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.
- Greater promotion of the few opportunities to raise funds for the school at zero cost to parents i.e. the Giving Machine and Community Partners.

New Fundraising Initiatives

With the exception of the Summer Soiree and Boden sales, the new fundraising initiatives (e.g. Fundraising Fortnight, Junior Film Nights, regular cake sales, Mothers and Fathers Day gifts) that were implemented in the 2017/18 academic year continue to prove popular and the PTA will continue to run them in this academic year. Other additions to this were:

- Christmases Trees for Schools
- Parents' Christmas Social
- Community Partner Scheme

Additionally, the PTA are finally getting a better of stock of the new branded uniform, and we will be running more regular second-hand uniform sales this academic year.

Finally, the PTA is 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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