

## PTA Chair report

Welcome to the Hillside PTA AGM 2017.

The PTA's purpose is to raise funds for the school to buy things to benefit the children, that the school would otherwise not be able to afford within their budget. This is largely done by running social events for children, parents and staff that help, with the feeling of a fun, welcoming school community.

We are a group of parents and teachers who are willing to spend some of their free time to arrange and run fundraising events for our school eg discos and fairs.

The PTA follows a constitution which sets out the rules and procedures by which our committee members govern the PTA.

In November 2015 Hillside PTA became a registered charity. Charity number 1165417

Last year we organised lots fundraising events, some 'regular' fundraisers as well as new ones. A full list can be seen on Appendix A of the Treasurers report.

Regular;

- Christmas Fair – raising a hugely impressive £2953.28. Everyone had lots of fun in the warm and several external stallholders congratulated us on such a great fair.
- Hillside's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Summer Fair – What an incredible day! This was definitely my favourite fair that I have been a part of organising.
- Discos- We postponed the Autumn disco to January in order to have a 'Winter Ball. The money raised at the May disco was for the PTA to purchase a new shed as our current one is below standard. We use the shed to house donations and event equipment. Fred in the Shed's (Dan Hudson) kind donation of his services for free allows us to keep ticket costs at a price that is inclusive for all our families whilst still raising money.
- Bag 2 school collections – collection of unwanted clothing etc in exchange for cash
- Non uniform and Book stalls
- Easy fundraising

New

- Cinema Nights – Trolls and Batman. Unfortunately there were technical difficulties during Batman.
- Secret Mother's Day Gift stall – a cross between the Father's Day gift stall and the Christmas secret present room. It allowed the children to choose mum a present and card without her seeing. It was very popular!
- Spring Fair – we decided to trial a 'mini fair' afterschool in the playground using stall equipment we already had e.g. hook a duck, splat the rat. It raised £165 in just over an hour!

Total raised last year: £8841.79

An example of what the PTA have been able do with the money was to purchase book bags for all the new F2 starting this Sept to welcome them to our school, and contribute to the food and drink for French Day. We also had other requests from the school, more details can be found in the Treasurer's report.

I hope that this year we will be able to raise more for our school and that the PTA committee will increase in size and support. In the Spring Term Katharine Johnson joined us as Secretary!

We currently are in need of a Chairperson and Treasurer. The constitution states that we must have a Chairperson and Treasurer in order to run, so if the positions are not filled then we must close. Other areas that the PTA require help with include acquiring raffle prizes, corporate support such as donations/discount of service and match funding, class/year reps for closer communication, more Easyfundraising supporters, face painters for the fairs (we only have 2!), printing off of fair brochures and the manning of stalls. We of course are also keen to hear of ideas and feedback any parents may have.

I would like to end my report with some Thank you's for the past year.

First I would like to thank Cheryl Smith for her hard work and dedication as Treasurer since the PTA was re-established in 2014. She will be missed!

Also to Kelly Emmet for being Vice Chairperson last year and all her efforts. A lot could not have happened without her.

I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Morris and her wonderful staff, all of whom provide invaluable support to us and we wouldn't be able to run the Christmas and Summer Fairs without.

We would like to thank all of our parents who donated items, came to our events or offered additional support. We are also very lucky to have a few parents, some of which are here tonight, who regularly commit to helping at events and whose support we know we can rely on.

And last but not least, I would like to thank the PTA committee members – Katharine, Becky, Charlotte, Donna, Ian, Simon, Debbie, Gill, Martin and Mr Pearman for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. We all work well as a team and are happy to give our time to fundraising for the school. I have enjoyed working with you all.