

St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School

Parents & Teachers Association Annual Report

Academic Year 2014-2015

The year started with a small, yet very determined group of parents raking and covering our adventure playground with bark. This is a bi annual job that Nicky Watt took on the task of organising and executing.

We then moved on to the planning of Bonfire night. Headed up by Helen Turvey, Mariangela Simmonato, Phil Doughty and over seen by Simon Reed. A fantastic evening was had by all that attended, although the event did not raise huge amounts of funds (£156) It was a brilliant community event. The lack of funds has been reviewed and we think it comes down to bad weather, and an unexpected clash with the town fireworks evening. This was unavoidable due to Olivers Battery arranging an event for our original date.

For Christmas 2014, the PTA once again agreed to subsidise the whole school theatre trip, giving every pupil at school the benefit of a reduced ticket price. We also once again engaged the services of the Enterprise Company at Kings School to make Christmas cards from the children's artwork. This raised almost £300. At Christmas the PTA put on a children's film night, which raised over £146 and was enjoyed by everyone who attended

In January 2015 we ran another very successful quiz night with Sean. Topping last years takings and raising over £1600. It was a brilliant evening that sold out as soon as tickets were available.

Into April and we had our race night once again, organised by Nicky Watt and Ally Stout. A very competitive evening was had, and a fantastic amount of over £500 was raised. The format of this has since been shared with other schools in the community to help them out.

In July Maz and her extremely organised team of volunteers organised a fantastically good summer fete. Complete with Juggling Jake. One of the comments that summed it up perfectly was that it was a really relaxing afternoon, and as such was reflected in our overall profit of £5207. A staggering amount that tops any other we've had, but more importantly one that people really enjoyed and felt they could be part of.

The year finished with a camping night on the school field which was great fun and raised £276 – doubling last years amount.

Throughout the year we also held various coffee mornings, normally tying in with events in the school calendar. We do not charge anything for these – feeling it's more important to support our community and hopefully help others make some new friends and join in with PTA events. We do have second hand uniform available and have been able to sell recipe books created by St Peters Parents over the years, along with inviting Usborne books to attend. This has meant they have donated books to the school. These mornings have unintentionally raised almost £400. The most poignant of these events was to present Cath Howells, our Head Teacher, with leaving gifts and mementos. This event was very well attended, especially by the parents of the upper years and was felt to be a fitting tribute to her. The collection was organised, but not funded by, the PTA.

The 100 Club continue to raise a lot of regular income for the PTA and with some new members joining in the year, the total contribution to PTA funds from this activity was just over £1.7k.

Over the course of the year the PTA has fulfilled various grants for the school; the biggest of these being an overhaul of the library and its furniture. The books were recommended by Hampshire library services, but mostly taken from requests by the children, so it is truly reflective of what our children have asked for. We also completed the final phase of the KS1 playground (as agreed in the previous academic year).

We have also funded a new scooter park, as the previous one was no longer safe for children to access due to the mini busses being moved. As we do every year we have supported out starters and leavers with prayer books and crosses, Subsidised the school theatre trip at Christmas, helped with some team kits for the school, and allocated funds for bark for the adventure playground. We also invested in a marquee this year to be used at the school fete and other such events.