

Chadsmead Primary Academy

PTFA report for the Academic Year 2015/2016 Thursday 21st September 2016

Introduction

This report is the summary of the activity of the PTFA over the last academic year. It forms part of the agenda of the AGM in fulfilment of the PTFA's charitable status.

PTFA Committee

The PTFA committee consisted of the following people in 2015/2016:

Chairs – Alex Hems
Vice Chair – Alison Whilis
Secretary – Sally Ward
Treasurer – Tracy Wright

In addition, many other people, parents and staff, have offered regular and committed support to the PTFA, regularly attending meetings and supporting events and thanks must go to everyone who has contributed to its continued success over the last year.

Fundraising

The PTFA have organised a number of successful events over the past year, details of amounts raised are contained in the Treasurers report. The Christmas and Summer Fairs were well attended and both raised an excellent amount of money with the Summer Fair being held on a Saturday again this year. The school discos continue to be popular and raise around £450 for each disco; with 3 held throughout the academic year this is a profit of well over £1,000.

We feel that the way the school has changed with safeguarding has helped us implement changes at the disco to benefit the children's safety, particularly the juniors where no parents are allowed. The provision of added extras for the children to buy such as glitter tattoos, flashy rings and hair pieces seems to have added to the enjoyment for the children.

Other fundraisers this year saw the return of Easter/Chocolate Bingo for which the school generously helped generate the prizes resulting in a good profit with an increase in the numbers attending this year. The sale of second hand uniform

has grown in popularity and has raised some excellent funds, but we seek to improve on this for 2016/17 (see below). The Christmas Cards designed by the children had a fantastic response and raised £413.

Lessons Learned

We need to hold the non uniform sales more regularly, as they can make a good amount of money. We also need to make sure we get the disco ticket forms out with plenty of time. We need to help the teachers with ideas and possibly templates for the Christmas card as the classes that used a template sold more.

Non profit PTFA support

The PTFA continues to support the school in other ways which are non-profit making, such as the Harvest Festival and special assemblies / performances by the children.

PTFA Spend

Spend is determined by a "wish list" which is usually drawn up by staff and added to throughout the year. This year the PTFA have matched a contribution from the school to purchase Cornerstones that will help support the students and teachers. We also always contribute towards Christmas events, childrens parties, presents, Year 6 leaver's events and the Christmas trees. £15 per month is also donated towards sponsoring a child in Africa via Plan International.

Conclusion

This has been an extremely successful year of fundraising in an environment of change for the school, brought about by the team work of not just the committee but lots of other parents and staff members. The school has been so supportive and without this help from all staff members events really couldn't be held. We would like to thank everyone who has shown such commitment.

The committee members are all willing to stay on in their current positions but due to outside commitments we will be looking for at least a vice treasure and another two secretaries, one of which will control the digital side such as emails and Facebook page.

Alex Hems