

WASPS Parent Teacher Association [PTA] - Annual General Meeting – 24.9.15
Secretary's Report Academic Year 2014/2015

Thanks to the commitment of staff, committee members and parents - we had another busy and successful year.

Membership

There were no changes in the roles of Chair and Treasurer. Jo Church stepped down from the role of joint secretary, handing over to Hannah Wiltshire. Several new members were welcomed, including some that were unable to attend meetings but joined the circulation list for information.

Committee Meetings

There were 4 formal committee meetings plus a number of extra event-specific planning meetings.

Fundraising

- **Christmas Markets:** The decision was taken to repeat the format of staging the Christmas Markets and Father Christmas Grotto over three nights, splitting the year groups as follows: Reception and Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 and Years 4, 5 and 6. The raffle prizes this year were outstanding both in numbers and quality.
- **Clothes Swish & Film Night:** The Clothes Swish presented a brand new event on the PTA calendar, taking place alongside the children's Film Night. Funds were raised through the sale of film tickets, second-hand clothes, nibbles and a raffle.
- **Plant and Cake sale:** The legendary WASPS Plant and Cake sale continues to be great fun and a very successful fundraiser.
- **Summer Fair:** Like last year, we had a sunny Saturday afternoon which drew in the crowds and made the event a big success. Alongside the usual face painting, games, water slide, raffle and various tombolas and stalls we were entertained by two live bands. The alpacos and the kit cars were much enjoyed by the children once again.
- **Raffles:** There was a Summer and a Christmas raffle. Thank you to parents who donated and sourced many of the prizes for the raffles.

Other sources of fundraising included the sale of WASPS sun hats and Cauliflower Christmas Cards.

Money spent

We are pleased to have made a number of contributions and pledges to fund a number of requests including the Christmas performances and Mitzi's playground. For more details see the Treasurer's Report.

Communication

We have a dedicated email address pta.wasps@gmail.com for any PTA related queries and from which minutes, correspondence and requests for help is sent. If you don't have email, messages can be left at the school office. Committee members are encouraged to give email addresses for ease of communication.

All parents are automatically members of the PTA and can ask to be included in the circulation list even if they don't want to be on the committee or can't attend the meetings. An information leaflet about the PTA has been circulated together with requests for parents to state what level of involvement they would like.

Thanks

Thank you to Committee members, school council reps, staff and parents who have been involved in the planning and organising of events over the year – and to all those who attended to support. On behalf of all helpers, I would also like to thank the extended families and friends who help out with childcare to enable you to get to meetings and events.

Next steps

We will continue to raise money to support the school – for the benefit of all our children. Although a successful year, a large amount of the work for fundraising has been done by a relatively small core group. We welcome new members and encourage families to get involved whenever they can. When volunteers are needed it is much less work if more people are available. Please consider joining the committee, or committing to help out at events.

We currently have a healthy PTA bank account and will be finding out what may be on the wish list for us to fund at the next meeting.

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