

## Academy Primary School PTA - Annual Review 2017-2018

In 2017 / 2018 the PTA had no changes in its office bearers. Holly Pyper continued her role as chairperson Gillian Caves as treasurer and our secretary Ann Jordan. The PTA also welcomed several new members. Thank you to all the members who helped at events or worked hard behind the scenes throughout the year to assist the school in many fundraising events.

The first event of the school year was the Beetle Drive in September. This proved a great opportunity for families to get together after the summer holidays and to welcome new families to Academy and to the PTA. A donation of £12,000 was made from the PTA to the school.

The Halloween Disco with Fitness Freddy in October was popular with pupils of all ages and allowed the children and teachers to showcase their costumes and dance moves. Spooky goodies were sold to the children and tea and coffee facilities were available for parents while they waited for their children to perfect their dance moves! An amazing number of children attended.

This year the PTA organised Christmas cards again for the third year in a row. There was a bigger response than was expected and the children all seemed to enjoy designing them for homework.

The PTA organised the Christmas post in the school for a full week in December. The amazing post box was a hit. We had 2 or 3 volunteers from the PTA helping sort out the post daily.

The PTA help serve tea and coffee at the schools 'Open Night'.

The annual Christmas Fair had to be cancelled due to weather conditions this year. It was a hard decision to make but the safest one for children, parents and staff. The teachers were amazing and helped sell the £1 presents, cakes, tuck shop and Santa's selection boxes the following week in school time. We are exceedingly grateful for this. Mr Moore had an assembly to draw the ballot prizes which was a big hit with the pupils.

A movie and story-telling night was the first event of the New Year and the Nursery - P2 children loved wearing their pyjamas and listening to stories read by members of staff and parents - in their pyjamas too!! The older children enjoyed watching a movie whilst munching on some sweets and crisps.

The table quiz unfortunately also had to be cancelled due to weather conditions this year, there were definitely some very disappointed people especially Mr Moore.

This year the PTA were involved with helping serve tea, coffee, scones and tray bakes at the Spring music concert in May and the Leavers assembly in June. Also the PTA helped at the junior and senior sports day by selling tea and coffee for adults plus juice and treats for children.

To round off the school year the PTA organised a summer fair for the second year due to the massive amount of positive feedback from the previous year. This was a great success with a fun day enjoyed by children and parents of the school as well as the local community. There were giant inflatables, crafts, climbing wall, carnival games, nail and face painting, tattoos, tuck shop, BBQ, vintage army vehicles, home industries, stalls from local businesses, coffee cart, ice-cream van, books DVD and bric-a-brac sale, talent show, pocket money stall, reptiles and much more.

Thanks to all the staff and parents for their continued support and without whom these events would not be possible. Special thanks go to Mr McAuley who does so much work behind the scenes at all events none of which could run without him. Thanks also to Mrs Hillman who manages the ticket sales and printing all those letters. We couldn't do without either of them.

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The PTA also have their own Facebook page.

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in the staff room.

We would love to see you there.

Holly Pyper (Chairperson)

September 2018

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