

# **Eaton Primary PTA**

**Registered Charity Number: 801153**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**22nd September 2016**

### **Chair's Report for the year 2015-16**

Our PTA is a small, but very active committee. Once again we've had a brilliant year of fundraising, with lots of fun along the way.

The treasurer's report will provide us with a detailed breakdown shortly, but this year we've managed to raise just short of £11,500 which is amazing!

Our PTA calendar has been jam packed again this past year, with our usual traditional events, along with the addition of a few new ventures, including our new style Bake Sales, where each year group hosted their own themed sale, with the promise of a very special afternoon tea for the winners. Overall the sales raised a very respectable £1847.90. Year 3 were crowned the winners for raising an amazing £356.07 and we had a lovely al fresco party to celebrate.

We then began busily planning for Christmas Fundraising which brought a calendar, a class tea towel, Christmas cards & the ever popular Santa's Workshop, all of which were a huge fundraising success & some of which we hope to repeat again this year.

Before we knew it, we were talking all things Easter and another success story in the form of the Easter Fair, which we've run for well over 10 years. We ran an Easter plate competition too.

The sun began to shine and along came ice cream Friday's, which led by Bonny's enthusiasm proved to be a huge success, demand always outstripped supply & we saw profits soar.

Our biggest annual event and largest fundraiser came next in the form of the Summer Fete, again a huge success, overseen by Sarah and Bonny, with lots of input from many. Special thanks to Leaders & all of the businesses & individuals who kindly donated prizes and offered their support. Again massive thanks the parents to helped, baked, served, set up & came along to support us.

This was swiftly followed by Sports Day refreshments for infants and juniors and introductions to the work of the Pta at the new parents meeting.

Then along came Spree, one of our regular fundraisers, overseen by Jenny Whitehead - thank you to her.

Our Year 6's were sent on their way with a memento of school organised by the Lesley on behalf of the PTA in the form of the leaver's hoodie, which once again proved very popular. Fun Force were organised to help the children celebrate their time at Eaton.

To round off our fundraising our 2nd Annual Quiz & Chips night, was again, a sell out success, thank you Gayle Philpot for overseeing it.

Alongside these, we've also managed to fit in three wear what you want days, some discos, a couple of Bag2School collections and various secondhand uniform sales. Also Easyfundraising and Labelplanet commissions quietly earning in the background

Surprisingly, following all of that fundraising, we did find some time to spend some money too.

We received a request from the school, to provide a piece of play equipment for the junior playground. We asked for parents and pupils suggestions and the final design was agreed by the pupils voting and the Pirate Ship was proudly opened by myself and the committee back in the Spring. It's lovely to see the children enjoying this facility in the playground, which following suggestions from each class, is to be named 'Eaton Mess' and thank you Nigel, at Dingles Hyundai for kindly offering to provide us with a name plaque.

To those of you who are to become involved in the PTA this year. Whatever time you can give, the PTA can use, whether it's helping out at daytime events such as Santa workshop, or evenings at the discos. Perhaps a role such as managing 'Easyfundraising' for which the majority of work can be done at home. We welcome you all.

So, looking ahead to this coming year. Many of us have been part of the PTA committee for a number of years and as time runs away and our children grow and move on, it's time to hand over to those, who, will hopefully continue the excellent work we've been doing.

Sarah, thank you for being a brilliant Vice Chair, stepping up to chair meetings in my absence and organising the meeting agendas.

Bonny, our class representative coordinator is stepping down from her role, thank you for everything you've given, your ideas, your time, the parents you've encouraged come along, who otherwise may not have come forward. Thank you

Thanks to Rachael Cozens, who has sent apologies, who has stood as secretary this year, but due to work commitments has decided not to stand again. Thank you for everything .

Andi, our vice secretary - Andi has been our super IT expert for many years, effortlessly producing spreadsheets and newsletters.

Huge thanks to Lesley, our treasurer. I had to look back through the archives to find out how many years you've been part of the committee and treasurer. Just quietly getting on with it in the background, busily counting and banking all our hard earned cash and balancing the books. You've made the job look easy and I know you've done it fantastically for many years and over the last year supported by Rebecca Marr, in the vice treasurer role who's been an asset to us, many thanks to her too.

All those who are stepping down, including myself, will still take an active role within the PTA and at events, ensuring a smooth handover and making sure our children get to enjoy the huge selection events we provide for them.

I think as a PTA we do a huge amount of work, most of which is unseen. We are a very successful, productive team and this has, once again, been reflected in our success. I've decided to step down from the role of Chair following 4 very busy, productive years. A role which i've thoroughly enjoyed and taken lots from. A role made easy, by a supportive, loyal committee.

Thank you also to Victoria for accommodating us for our meetings at The Cellar House.

I would also like to express thanks to all the parents and families who have supported and participated in our events so generously and enthusiastically – without your participation, there is no PTA.

Finally, huge thanks to all staff at the school, who've helped make our events possible, many of whom have given their own time, a special thank you must go to Claire and Lisa in the office for their help with all the extra work we create for them.

Looking ahead to this year, I'd like to wish the new committee every success in their fundraising.

Sally Kerrison

PTA Chair 2015-16