



CHAIR'S REPORT

September 2017 – August 2018

Summary

This academic year the PTA committee has worked on organising events to raise money to support Merton Park Primary School and support the staff. We and provide events that offer cohesion, a community spirit and fun for children and parents of the school and the local community.

Each year we have new members on the committee who can contribute their time and skills; some people help for one event a year and others may be able to support throughout the year. Any contribution, small or large, is really appreciated and provides an invaluable service to raise funds for the school, to enhance each child's education and experience at school.

Last year we had very good support from the PTA committee and other parents to raise a profit of:

£21,478 A New Record !

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped at our PTA events:

- Bonfire and fireworks Night
- Parents' Party
- Summer and Christmas Fairs
- Big Quiz
- Cheap and Cheerful sales
- Ice lolly sales after school
- Halloween Party
- Kids disco
- Easter Raffle and Egg Hunt
- Reception Class tea towel sales

Parents'/Carers' Input

We could not have achieved this without your help, not only to raise money for the school but also for getting involved with the events that don't raise a lot of money but that the children love doing. Thank you for the work of the class reps. We have a group of people who meet to organise each event. They have access to information about how the event was organised previously and feedback from the last event, but we always welcome any new people and ideas. Our treasurer can give advice on claiming back expenses/floats/paying for goods.



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Fundraising Events

Halloween Party - Profit £231

Two hours of crafts, pass the parcel and a disco – with a packed tea for everyone. The children come in costumes and love it !

Bonfire and Fireworks Night - Profit £10,406

The event was very well attended and we made a great profit. Fireworks Night is popular with our school staff, parents and pupils. It has also become a key event attended by the local Merton Park Community and receives sponsorship donations from local businesses. We were supported by an army of volunteers who did a fantastic job in making this event so successful.

Christmas Fayre - Profit £4,492

Thanks for selling Christmas Trees, which made a great profit, and the festive food stalls. Thanks to Father Christmas for seeing so many children and to all the stall helpers.

Cheap and cheerful Sales (x3) - Profit £849

A cake, toy and uniform sale after school once a term. All the donations of toys and cakes seem to just disappear in about 30 mins ! We will continue these once a term, in the hall after school.

Easter Egg raffle and Hunt - Profit £362

A raffle of Easter eggs after school – sooo many Easter Eggs ! very popular with the children. An Egg hunt in the field after school - the Easter eggs were eagerly hunted down!

Kids Disco - Profit £67

Great fun with 2 disco's in one evening.

Quiz Night - Profit £1,395

A fun night for the parents, This is a very popular event so buy your ticket early next year !

Summer Fair - Profit £2,319

Lots of rides, stalls, food, drink and events in the hall. A lovely summer's day fair.

Summer Magic Party - Profit £1,347

Great fun at Cranleigh Tennis Club

Ice Lolly sales - Profit £115

Thanks Leigh and Keryn for organising this and doing the selling every Friday.



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Donations made to the School

During 2017-18 the PTA provided the following donations to the school:

- Year 6 leavers
- Various workshops and activities for the children including Theatre trips (Iion, Witch and wardrobe and Lion King), Trips to Box Hill and London Zoo and visits from the science dome and anti bullying workshop. **Total £3,000**
- Music activities included Music Workshop and the Glee Choir **Total £1,575**
- Sports activities included new basketball stands and Football posts **£470**
- Educationally we paid for the school's Mathletics licence **Total £869**
- We also provided funding for year 6's leaver activities and presents **Total £750**

For the school's facilities and buildings: **Total £8972**

- we funded new chairs for the hall and hall lighting
- we supported the upgrade of the library buying new furniture
- we helped fund a new photocopier for the school

Looking ahead

During 2017 and 2018 the PTA aims to carry on with its core traditional events and is open to suggestions for any other fund-raising activities and potential donations. We have welcomed a new Chair and Co-Chair.

The AGM is on Thursday 27th SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm, in the school hall.

We will be asking for any new nominations for the PTA committee. The AGM and the PTA meetings are open for anyone to attend. Please just come along and feel free to either provide your thoughts or just listen to what others have to say.

Thank you once again

Caroline Ditchfield
Chair of PTA Trustees