



Merton Park Primary PTA

CHAIR'S REPORT

September 2015 – August 2016

Summary Review

This academic year the PTA committee continued to build on improving the quality of all the different events we organise.

Our aim is to raise money for the school with a variety of events for the children and parents. We seek new members 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 over ...

£18,000

our best profit ever and £3,500 more than last year!

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

- Bonfire and fireworks Night
- Parents' Parties (Christmas and Summer)
- Summer and Christmas Fairs
- Big Quiz
- Cheap and Cheerful sales
- Ice lolly sales after school
- Halloween Party
- Easter Raffle and Egg Hunt



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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, but we always welcome any new ideas. Our treasurer can give advice on claiming back expenses/floats/paying for goods. We also email parents near each event to request help needed on the day. I can always offer advice and input as required.

Fundraising Events

Halloween Party - Profit £210

Two hours of crafts, pass the parcel and a disco – with a packed tea for everyone. The children looked fantastic in their fancy dress and seemed to have a great time.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night - Profit £7,496

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 Fair Profit - £2,764

Thank you again to all who helped. This is our best profit ever from our fairs. 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.

Christmas Party - Profit £1,765

A great party for the parents, full of Christmas spirit and fun, lovely food and a great band.

Cheap and cheerful sales (x3) - Profits £627

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.



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Easter Egg raffle and Hunt - Profit £348

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

Quiz Night - Profit £1,239

A fun night for the parents, this year we added in an auction, which was fun and profitable - thanks for the great donations. This is a very popular event so buy your ticket early next year !

Summer Fair - Profit £3,015

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

Summer Party - Profit £1,056

First time we had a summer party – very popular, we need a venue we can stay at longer next year as it was buzzing when we had to finish !

Ice Lolly sales - Profit £295

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

Donations

Donations to the school

During 2015-16 the PTA provided the following donations to the school:

- Athletics licence
- School sports kit
- New French windows for the Reception classroom
- Staffroom carpet
- School Christmas show
- Moon chairs for reading outside
- Nursery sheds
- Maintenance of the garden
- Poet at school for world book day
- Contribution to new roof for the music room
- iPads and other exciting computing equipment



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Looking ahead

During 2016 and 2017 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.

Any Suggestions are gratefully received!

The AGM is on Thursday 29th SEPTEMBER 2016 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