

2014/2015 CHAIRPERSON REVIEW

The purpose of our school PTA is to help create a community for our children and parents. We provide fantastic events that the children really enjoy. Our second function is to raise funds that benefit all the children here at St Helen's.

The amazing events that we have put on throughout this year included Mother's and Father's Day secret wrapping room, two discos, the Christmas Fete, the Summer Fete and activities such as Fun Mats, bags to school and easyfundraising.

This year the PTA has raised an incredible £3938.39. At the end of the financial year we have £5708.50 in the bank. We have spent some of the money that we have raised on fantastic things like music lessons for our children, umbrellas to provide shade at lunch time, medals for sports day, crackers for every child at the Christmas dinner, a gazebo for sporting events, new sporting equipment, money towards the nature area, the year 6 leavers treat which was a trip to the cinema including popcorn and a drink and a £10 voucher for every child with 100% attendance. Our main focus is to continue to spend our money to benefit our children.

There is a huge amount of work that goes into the organisation of the events that we put on and I am very grateful to the amazing committee and volunteers without whom the PTA would simply not be able to put on these great events and activities that we do. A big thank you to Shirley Sharman, Amanda Rogers, Sabrina Halliwell and Katie Sheehan whose children have left our school. Their contribution was enormous and we will really miss them. To the current committee a really big thank you for all your hard work. A special mention to Jo Barneston who has produced the newsletter and posters and has been a critical part of the PTA this year. A big thank you to Micky B for not only doing our school discos but providing music at the summer fete. The stall holders at our summer fete especially our local Indian Parents who did an amazing job and raised a significant amount of money. Thank you to Mrs Mouchel for her invaluable advice and hard work and the teachers at St Helen's who have helped out at our events. To Mr Nimmo for helping set up and clear up after every event. A very big thank you to Mrs Walton whose patience is second to none and who has been invaluable to our PTA and of course thank you to the children and parents of St Helen's without whom it would have been impossible.

As we look forward to the coming year the challenge will be to welcome new committee members and encourage volunteers to make these events and activities possible. The continuing success of the PTA is dependent on the children and parents of St Helens and I am very proud to be a part of this.