

PTFA NEWS

The outgoing committee would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last two years. Particularly to those of you who have spared time to help set up, pack away and stand on stalls – we really couldn't have done it without you.

We hope that you have enjoyed the events and feel that we have made a positive contribution to school on a social level (building community spirit) and our childrens' education (providing additional resources & funding).

Our personal highlights in terms of events include;

- The very first Christmas fair in 2009
- The Wild West and Beach Parties
- Carols Around The Tree

Fund Raising

We are pleased that everyone's hard work has directly led to the purchase and payment of the regular items – discos, reception school bags, someone you love flowers, yr 6 leavers T shirts – but also the bigger ticket items like the salad bar, digital cameras for every class, hoodies for our sports teams, and class grants.

Over the last year we have raised an amazing £5890.00!

Spending

In the AGM last night we agreed to fund an overhaul of the school pond which is badly overdue. The All Weather Wheel Track is now being funded by school and so PTFA funds are being directed elsewhere.

The Pond needs to be cleared out and properly lined to avoid having to repeat clearing it out every year. Plans include a concrete standing area at the edge and tables nearby to increase usage as an outside learning space.

We are pleased that the money raised will be put to good use and all children will benefit enormously from having an improved resource. Quotes will be requested for this work and it will commence at a time when the least disruption to the existing wildlife will be caused.

The Future

We are pleased to confirm that Tracey Sutton is the new Chairperson of the PTFA – we wish her well! We'll leave it to her to introduce the new committee and their plans for the rest of 2011.

There remain some positions open on the committee and it would be great if these were filled.

Although there have been many familiar faces who have helped in a variety of ways (you know who you are!), it would be great to see more people getting involved. Turning up to support events is of course paramount, but it would be marvellous if more people could help before, during and after events to lighten the load on the few who already do.

Please consider if you can offer some time (even half an hour!) when an event is being held or whether you would like to be more active and help to plan events.

Finally, thank you to:

Andrea Hobbs, (Treasurer) Ali Rawlings (Vice Treasurer) Meryl Grimshaw (Secretary)

Jacqui MacKenzie and Angela Beard

Mike and Ian - The BBQ Kings!

Vicky – thank you for the use of the kitchen!

Mr Elliott – thanks!

All teaching and support staff who have supported us and not moaned too much when we've messed up their classrooms!

Mrs Isaac, Mrs Morson and Mr Hemmings – thank you for your support over the last two years.

Apologies if we have omitted anyone! Thank you!

Regards - Vic and Jules