

Kings Worthy Primary School PTFA Annual Report 2016/2017 – AGM 4th October 2017

We are pleased to present our first annual report as Co-Chairs of the PTFA. We have had a successful year in terms of money raised, well attended events and support from volunteers.

This year we raised nearly £16,000. The Treasurer's report shows in more detail how that money has been raised. We held our usual fund raising events which were 2 school discos, the Christmas Fair, the May Fair, the Smarties cake and second hand uniform sales and also the Christmas Card Project. In addition, we put on a Family Bingo Night, we have a Quiz Night in 2 days time, we had our bi-annual visit from Happy's Circus and we took part in the Bag2School scheme. On top of the £6,000 we spend in annual commitments (see the Treasurer's report for more detail) we are currently raising money for new laptops and a laptop charging trolley. All events were well attended and we had a large amount of parent support at the events. We are really pleased with the amount of support there is for the events and activities during the year in terms of attendance and we have received positive feedback. One area we continue to find challenging is having sufficient volunteers to actually help plan the events. Most of us on the planning committees of events have children in years 5 and 6 so it is important that over this year we have a few more regulars with children further down the school who can help to organise events so this can be handed on to them as we leave the school.

To raise awareness and to try and get more helpers for planning events we have begun to put on PTFA coffee mornings which have been quite well attended and people have expressed an interest in helping. It is important we build on the support for these events. We received some feedback that some people would like to be involved but can't make daytime meetings. Therefore we organised a social pub trip to give opportunities for people to come along. We didn't get any new people at that event, but we are going to organise a pub social every half term to try and get more people involved. Helen Smith has agreed to work with Lisa Ormston on the Christmas Card Project this year so she can take it on next year, and the Smarties baking team are needing to recruit more people as both Lisa Ormston and Alison Wells, who head it up, are leaving the school in July 2018.

We are still sending out newsletters at least once a term to try and communicate more clearly about the work of the PTFA, what we are fundraising for and the help we need.

Father Christmas visited the Roundhouse and all the children received kinder eggs at Easter – these went down well with all the children. The Pumpkin walk was also very popular as usual.

Alix kept chasing up the gift aid claims and her efforts were rewarded with us receiving £593.55 from them, and she also secured donations from Cala Homes for £500 for a defibrillator and £200 from Alfred Homes towards the library.

We are having difficulty at the moment finding anyone to profit match our events which meant our May Fair total was down by about £1000. This is an area we need to keep highlighting.

Mr Carr and Miss Keeble entered the Bird Cam Project, the Anderson Shelter and the Roundhouse (all which had been paid for by the PTFA) into the 2017 Countryside Awards and they won! It's really exciting to have been able to play a small part in these initiatives.

Earlier in the year Debbie Tan-Day stepped down as Co-Treasurer and this AGM sees Alison Wells step down as Treasurer – they have both done an amazing job in sorting out the finances. We really appreciate all they have done and they will both be missed. However, we are welcoming Nicky Elliott and Vicky Richardson into the roles of Co-Treasurers and Kelly Valentine into the role of Co-Secretary and we are looking forward to working with them. We thank Louise Riordan for her continued work as Secretary.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all the staff for their support and enthusiasm, particularly thanking Ellie Ashton, Julie Mullane and Chris Carr for all they have done over the previous year and Lynn, Carys and Kath in the office. There are many things that we couldn't do without them and we really do appreciate it. And finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and friends of the school community for their continued help and support of the work of the PTFA.

Rachel Dawson and Alix Hickman

Co-Chairs of Kings Worthy Primary School PTFA

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