



Chairpersons Report 2013/14

Annual General Meeting - 7 October 2014

Thank you for attending our AGM.

Last year, we had another exciting and eventful, year for the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA), and ultimately all of the pupils here at school have benefited. In order to do everything we set out to achieve, we have continued to have the support of the teaching staff, parents and pupils who have either helped at the events or have been able to participate and enjoy the activities we have arranged. The PTFA continues to rely on a small, active and dedicate team of parents and guardians whose tireless work is immeasurable - thank you to everyone.

What was Achieved?

- Last year, we had a number of new parents who joined the PTFA and their help has been greatly appreciated. The new parents have taken on very active roles in the PTFA and their ideas, help and support has been fantastic. Big thanks to Sarah Edgar, Emma Wedge, Leigh-Anne Mills, Rose Green and in particular Neil Dalby, who was really thrown in to the deep end by joining us, wanting to be an ordinary member of the Committee and was voted in as Secretary!
- Our idea of having a 'lead' for events from the previous year, has continued to develop, and helps with the organisation of events. As always, this doesn't mean 'the lead' has to 'go it alone' - it just enables us to have one main point of contact.

Special thanks for events leaders go to Michaela Kerr, Helen Phillips, Angie Madge, Sarah Edgar and Emma Wedge.

Continuing with our efforts to keep parents as up to date and informed as possible, the PTFA launched its own Facebook page. The development and launch of Facebook is due to the efforts of Neil Dalby and Helen Phillips - thank you to both. At the moment we have 218 'likes'. Going forward the aim is to increase this number which will help us keep parents 'in the know' about our events. If you've not 'liked' our page - visit us at www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa

It should be noted that the page is entirely separate from the school and is run by PTFA volunteers. As always if a parent has a concern to raise about school, this should be directed to the school office.

Activities that have taken place

- Family Bingo Nights - an absolute sell out every time! We have taken on board parents' comments from our nights last year, and now with the help of parents at the school, we can offer hot jacket potatoes!
- Disney on Ice Trip to Birmingham
- Pamper Night - again another success, building upon the one held the previous year.

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Film Night for year 5 & 6 pupils - **NEW EVENT**
- School Leaver T-shirts & autograph books
- Summer Fayre!!!!

Other Fundraising Events that have taken place

- Bag2School collections
- Christmas card designed by pupils
- End of term parties and discos
- School photographs

How the Money Raised has been spent (to date)

During the year, we have supported school by purchasing the following:

- Huff & Puff equipment - £1,000 as promised from last year.
- Numicon maths equipment (a set per year group) - £1,176
- Bookmark sticker prizes - c£360
- Autograph books for year 6 students - c£380

In addition, we have also purchased:

- Speaker system for use at both school & PTFA events
- Pop-up gazebos for Summer Fayre, sports days etc
- Bingo machine!
- Storage boxes

The Future

It was great to see so many new parents join the PTFA at our Welcome Meeting in September. If anyone was unable to attend the meeting - please feel free to join us at any meeting and/or event.

We're a small, but friendly bunch of parents, all with the same intention, to give something back to the school, and to ensure all of our children love their school days here at Five Ways. All ideas for fundraising and how to have fun are continually encouraged.

The PTFA will continue to go from strength to strength, with new parents and with the 'old faithful', who continue to turn up on the day to lend a hand. The PTFA is committed to supporting the school to purchase items, make donations to ensure all children benefit from the money raised. This year (2014/15) we have already provided £200 for each year group for the Art Enrichment Day, and £4,500 to purchase outdoor gym equipment.

I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support during the year, in particular:

Helen - for being the best Vice Chairperson - ever!

Neil - a great Secretary, freebie collector and organiser extraordinaire.

Sarah - for keeping the books in such a perfect shape (big thank you).

Michaela - Party Planner and Uniform expert

Leigh-Anne - doing anything and everything!

Sarah - having that 'project mindset' and just 'getting stuff done'!

Emma - our voice of reason and is willing to help out wherever.

Angie - photograph and Easter Egg Hunt organiser

Jo - Bingo Caller, Summer Fayre compere and all round a great laugh.

Carolyn - an experienced PTFA member, lucky dip and Yellow Moon organiser

Claire - for using her contacts to get great deals from 3668 for hot dogs, hot chocolate, tea, coffee etc

Kerrie and Roger - always on hand to help out, with setting up at the Summer Fayre, counting cash raised etc.

On a personal note, I've been a member of the PTFA for 7 years now, and I have loved every minute! There have been a few thoughtful times, but lots and lots of laughs, excitement and the sheer joy of seeing children and families have a great day, after all the effort everyone has put into an event, makes everything worthwhile.

In my time at the PTFA, I've learnt a lot about the school, and most importantly made some great friends. I'd like to say thank you to everyone, encourage everyone to 'stick with it' and persuade as many friends as possible to join - it really is a worthwhile cause, with a great, friendly bunch of people.

Helen (Nell) Pursehouse
Chairperson

6th October 2014