



## Chair's Report - AGM 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

At the last AGM I (Lucy Cliff) was voted back in as Chair. Heidi was voted back in as Secretary. Maria Navarro-Shemmings was voted in as the treasurer.

### Fundraising events

Since September 2015, we have enjoyed a fabulous year of fundraising. We have had some new events, plus some outside companies who contributed to help us achieve our total this year, through a fantastic team. In total we have raised £7,501.

We started the year with a Welcome BBQ. On a warm Saturday in September we invited all parents, children and staff along for a BBQ. We wanted to say thank you to all those who helped to support the school over the previous year and give a warm welcome to any new families that had joined the school.

We then had our annual Halloween Disco. This raised £900. We kick-started the events with children bringing in their jazzed up pumpkins, in some cases utterly gruesome pumpkins for the pumpkin competition. At the disco the winners were announced and prizes given out. The children could then dress up in their freakily scary costumes. The children fully embraced the challenge and looked awesome. As did some of the parents who entered the spirit of fancy dress! The school got transformed into an unnerving magical world; the scene was set for a thrilling ghost ride! The hall was decked out with floating ghostly shapes, the corridors were like bat caves and the scary room was set up to catch you in its spooky web! In the scary room the children tried out the 'sweet if you dare' challenge, the games in the corridor did a roaring trade and the disco had the children bopping away!

In November we sold the Christmas cards that the children had been busy designing back in September. By getting them done early it meant the school received £2 per pack of cards rather than £1.60. We raised £474. They also designed gifts back in September, the children seemed to enjoy seeing their designs on a variety of items including coasters, t-shirts and bags. This raised £155.

After half term the PTA ran a lunch time and after school club making Christmas decorations. Thank you so much to all those involved in helping out with the ideas, and making themselves available. We had a great response; the lunchtime club had a variety of activities from painting designs for bunting, making Christmas tree decorations and gifts, plus the childrens' very unique wreath designs! The decorations were then used to decorate the school and to sell at our Christmas Market. The school looked delightful; we received some lovely comments about the children's efforts.

In December we held a Christmas Market. We raised £1,037. What a buzz the school had on the day! The school gets decorated using the children's decorations made in the Christmas club. The Christmas market was then set up outside. The Christmas market was started off by great performances from Mrs Thompson and the Y4's recorder recital, followed by Mrs Barnes with her 'Cool Singers'. For those who wanted to see Santa you had to go past *flying Christmas Pud's*, work out *where Santa would be at midnight*, plus find *Olaf's Nose*. Whilst on entering the playground the *hamper raffle* was in huge demand; what lovely surprises there were in the fantastically themed hampers. Next there was the chance to buy *personalised baubles* and work out who the teachers were in *Santa disguises*.

To finish the year off Damien and Siobhan organised a private showing of '**A Christmas Star**' hosted at **The Riverside Cinema**. The school's name was up in spot lights, Mr Krisson was a bouncer, Mrs Moore was on popcorn and the popular photo booth was back. Thanks so much to the Riverside Cinema for letting us host this for a second year running. This amazing night raised £600.

To start 2016 off we organised family Bingo. A really fun family night was had by all those who attended. The children really enjoyed having fun with numbers, it was a very fun 'maths' lesson! We raised £274.

In March we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> disco off the year. It was a 'Masked Disco'. What great fun, the children loved getting their masks on, there were prizes for the best designs. The school hall had masked bunting criss crossing the hall, fantastic masks covered the lights in the corridor and balloons were bobbing around. The games were themed with super heroes in mind. The children's super skills were tested in *Beat the Buzzer*, *Pin the Mask on the Minion*. Their super strength was tested in *Bolder Attack*, and their super agility was tested in *Pogo Stick* and *Twister*. We raised £500.

The next event was our Quiz Night. A very amusing night! We had 12 teams in total, comprising 77 people. Fish and Chips was our half time snack. We had a lovely prize donated by Adnams, plus some wooden spoons for the losers! We were also lucky enough to have professional quiz masters donate their time, thanks so much to Amanda's Dad and his mate.

Our final event of the year was the Woodbridge Primary School Summer Fair. We were lucky enough to have PJ Liversey (the builders next to our school) sponsor this event. As with every weekend in June, it rained! We pushed through with the help of our fantastic school community. We had a brilliant turnout, thank you so much for coming along to support the fair. Awesome performances by: *Woodbridge School of Dance*, *Stagecoach*, *Mad Science*, *Macmilliam Martial Arts*, plus our very own *Cheerleaders*. They all had a brilliant reception, obviously our own cheerleaders received the biggest cheer of the day. Great work girls. The raffle made £650, there were some great prizes, *The Crown* in Woodbridge donated 1 nights' free bed and breakfast, *Goals* donated a free childrens' party, plus many more fabulous prizes. The popular prize ticket stall was back with some great goodies for the children to win. The excitement around the table was infectious! As usual the games went down a storm. Our big money takers were *Coconut Shy*, *Cuddly Toy Hoopla*, *Tombola*, *Lucky Dip*, *Pull a Lolly*, *Hook a Duck*, *Luck Cups*, *Skittle Alley* and *Smash the Crockery*. We raised £2,215.

Thanks to everyone, committee members, parents, family, friends and staff for helping us have a phenomenal year of fundraising.

## How the money has been spent (Including the Class Money, £25 per class per term)

Foundation -	Scarcrow prizes Adopt a Giraffe at Colchester Zoo Coach to Colchester Zoo Stay and play contribution Fathers day afternoon tea.
Yr1 -	Coach for Colchester Zoo Stay and play contribution Bean bag
Yr2 -	Caterpillars Coach to Suffolk Punch Coach for Colchester Zoo Stay and play contribution Robot turtle game Reading cards
Yr3 -	Set of class dictionaries Trip to Tesco Stationary
Yr4 -	Kentwell hall coach and trip contribution Anglo Saxon ship
Yr5 -	Class books Spelling charts African adventure contribution Y5 T-shirts for Snape singing performance
Yr6 -	1st News subscriptions How It Works magazine subscription Archery, Derbyshire Class books Contribution to leaving do
Eco Council -	Bat boxes Eco magazine subscription
Whole School -	Forest School equipment; Muddy faces, resources, ropes Outside plugs Books for school library Outside games for the playground; Garden chess, equipment, chalks, target game Easter eggs Christmas trees and crackers Ice pops for sports day Phonics books Fairy lights for Big Talk Ball catcher in the playground

15 Tablets  
Repair to Adventure Trail  
Music books and stands  
Play leaders equipment  
PA System

We also have the following items that were approved but have not gone through yet;

Y3/Y4 activity area writing board £64

Pond area upgrade £213

Royal opera house contribution £250

F1/F2 outside area upgrade £537

Y5 camera £100

2/3 Tablets £750

Y6 Public speaking workshop £500

Total £2,414

## **Newsletter**

We have produced 2 newsletters. The first goes out in September and the second goes out in February.

## **Training**

School fire strategy - Mark Krisson to provide the PTA with a fire strategy document.

Health and Hygiene, First Aid Course - If these courses are held within school, the PTA would like to be invited.

## **Committee Members**

Lucy Cliff - Chair

Heidi Shove - Secretary

Maria Navarro-Shemmings - Treasurer

Richard Haugh

Damian Horner

Siobhan Horner

Rachel Irvine

Mark Krisson

Caroline Moore

James Smith

Louise Sargent

Lizzie Sharpley

Sara Brooks

Stacey Irvine

Cara Howe

Katie Dagenham

Rob Zechner

## **Meetings**

We have regular meetings over the year. We tend to plan meetings before events, one will be a planning meeting, generally a few weeks before the event, and then generally a meeting will be planned just before the event to check we've got everything in hand!

We generally have the meetings on a Friday afternoon in the staff room.

## **Proposed Events for 2015/2016**

September - Thank you & Welcome BBQ, Sunday 18th, 12 noon - 2pm

September - Children's Fashion Show, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3.45pm - 4.30pm

October - Halloween Disco, Friday 14th, 6.15pm - 8.15pm

October - Xmas cards and alternative Xmas gift, order forms will be out before October half term

December - Christmas Market, Friday 2nd, 3pm - 4.30pm

December - Christmas Movie, TBC

February - Bingo, Friday 3rd

March - Easter Disco/Talent show, Friday 17th

May - Quiz night, Friday 19th

June - Summer fair, Saturday 24th

## **Ideas yet to be completed**

How to increase members in the committee - We need to work on this, but we have managed to get a few new members this year.

Thank you for your time, Lucy Cliff.