



## Chair's Report - AGM 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

At the last AGM I (Lucy Cliff) was voted back in as Chair. Sasha stepped down as the Deputy Chair and Audrey stepped down as Minutes Secretary. Lindsay also expressed her interest in stepping down as the Treasurer. Heidi was voted back in as Secretary, adding 'minute' taking to her duties.

It took us some time to find a replacement for Lindsay, but don't fear we did! Maria Navarro-Shemmings stepped in to take control of our accounts.

### Fundraising events

Since September 2014, we have enjoyed a fabulous year of fundraising. We have had some new events that have helped us achieve our total this year, through a fantastic team. In total we have raised £7,535 +47% on the previous year.

We started the year with a Welcome BBQ. On a warmish Saturday in September we invited all parents, children and staff along for a BBQ, with a small rounders match on the side! 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 £923. We had a freakily fabulous pumpkin competition. The children fully embraced the theme; the pumpkins were out of this world. The children loved the new games, the 'screamOmeter', 'Who's Nose?' and 'Blood and Guts'. Plus the re-invented games 'Pin the Bogey on the Witch' and 'Hook a Devil Duck'. We also had a BBQ, Bar, Face painting, Soft Drinks and Halloween tuck shop.

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 £584

After half term the PTA ran a lunch time and after school club making Christmas decorations. We had a great response, the clubs were busy. The decorations were then used to decorate the school and to sell at our Christmas Fair. The school looked delightful; we received some lovely comments about the children's efforts.

In December we sold School Tea Towels in the playground and at various events held at the school. The children and staff were again given this task in September. The tea towel looked fabulous and proved to be a fun Christmas gift. We ordered 250 towels, we sold one for £4 and two for £7. We sold out. This raised £540.

Also in December we held a Christmas Market. We held the event outside; the playground was filled with games, stalls and twinkling lights. We had 'Santa's Grotto', 'Flying Christmas Pud's', 'Pin the Nose on Rudolph', 'Calendar Surprise' and 'Where is Santa at Midnight'. Plus the 'Hamper Raffle', 'Sweetjar Tombola', 'Chocolate Fountain', 'Pull a Cracker' and a cake stall, not forgetting the BBQ. We also sold the awesome Christmas decorations the children had made. We raised £684.

To finish the year off Damien and Siobhan organised a private showing of '*Get Santa*' 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 Santa was in jail. This amazing night raised £682.

To start 2015 off we organised a family Beetle Drive. This was not as popular as last year, but still raised £92. We are going to try Bingo this year.

In March we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> disco off the year. It was an 'Alice in Wonderland themed Easter Disco'. The school was transformed; playing card bunting, lanterns, and balloons hung from the ceilings and picture frames hung along the walls. To top it off you entered into the school through a rabbit hole! We had a fancy dress competition and a mad hatter hat competition. Plus some fun games, Pin the Grin on the Cheshire Cat', 'Treasure Hunt', 'Golden Egg', 'Find the Chick', 'Higher/Lower' and 'Flamingo Croquet'. Plus the usual BBQ, Bar, Soft Drinks, Salon and Tuck Shop. We raised £650.

The next event was our Quiz Night. We had 15 teams, 103 people and 10 rounds of questions. The winners were 'Look for Badgers', a parent team. We had fresh fish and chips from Cumberland Street, followed by cakes. We raised £380.

Our final event of the year was the Woodbridge Primary School 'It's a Knock Out' Summer Fair. Nick Sargent had arranged to have the event sponsored by *Samuel David Construction Ltd*. It was an amazing day; we made a record amount of money and had a massive turnout. We had several performances by local children, plus a special performance by our very own cheerleaders. The 'donkey rides' were new for this year along with 'beat the buzzer', 'photo booth' and 'time trials'. They proved a great addition, adding to the fun the children could have. Plus we introduced the prize stall; children collected tickets from the various games and exchanged them for great prizes. Not to mention our fantastic raffle, we had some great prizes, thanks to Siobhan, Sylvia and Rob for organising this. We raised a staggering £3,000.

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 -	Stationary Cardboard igloo Toys Ice explorer Snowflake String Coach to Foxborrow Farm Crabbing items
Yr1 -	Ipswich Museum boxes Coach to Snakes and Ladders
Yr2 -	Caterpillars Roald Dahl books Coach to Suffolk Punch
Yr3 -	Vegucation Coach to Cineworld Music Trip
Yr4 -	Kentwell hall trip contribution
Yr5 -	Astronaut topic items Stickers and book marks African Adventure trip contribution
Yr6 -	Paint brushes Magazine subscriptions Artist and water colours Contribution to leaver's party
Eco Council -	Bat boxes Eco magazine subscription
Whole School -	School sports team shirts Easter eggs Christmas trees and crackers 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of balance equipment by the climbing wall Repair to the equipment in the adventure trail Ice pops for sports day

We have put aside £2950 (possibly £3450) to purchase 23 tablets. The school are running a trial in September. We hope to have them installed in school by Christmas.

We have also set aside £200 for play equipment in the playground for use at lunchtime.

Some other ideas have been mentioned; outside classroom, awning for the playground, update the sound system in the hall, playing field surface, drumming kit repair and life size skeleton. They have not been forgotten, we are just seeing where we are at the moment.

## **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

Lee-Ann Nicoll

James Smith

Louise Sargent

Lizzie Sharpley

Sara Brooks

Michelle Fecht

Stacey Irvine

Lindsay Lansley

Lee-Ann Nicoll

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. Mr Krisson is going to let us know the dates of the governors meetings, if they are timed right we may be able to have a few evening meetings this year.

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

September - Thank you & Welcome BBQ, Saturday 19th, 12 noon - 2pm

October - Halloween Disco, Friday 16th, 6.15pm - 8.15pm

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

November - Xmas decorations club

December - Christmas fair, Friday 4th, 3pm - 4.30pm

December - Christmas Movie, TBC

February - Bingo, Friday 5th

March - Easter Disco, Friday 11th

May - Quiz night, Friday 6th

June - Summer fair, Saturday 18th

## **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.

Raising awareness of what the events are raising money for - We have managed to give this information out about the summer fair. When I send out information about events I will try to explain what the money is most likely to be spent on.

Thank you for your time, Lucy Cliff.