Chair's Report - AGM 11th September 2018

At the last AGM I (Natalie Keogh) was voted in as Chair. Victoria Tinsley was voted in as Secretary. Maria Navarro-Hemmings was voted in as the treasurer.

Fundraising events

Since September 2017, we ran several fundraising events supported by the PTA team. In total we raised £11,299.30.

We started the year with the Welcome BBQ on Saturday 24th September, we invited all parents, children and staff along. 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 ran a treasure hunt for the entertainment of the children with the children locating the different year group teachers to locate a letter to unscramble the mystery word.

In October we held our annual Halloween Disco on Friday 13th October. This got the fundraising off to a great start with an impressive £1238.87 raised, profit of £1003.01. The event was great fun with a fancy-dress competition, lots of ‘spooky’ games and groovy moves on the dancefloor. The unsuspecting fire alarm gave those remaining after the event a fright but luckily Mr Krisson and Sandra Thompson were on hand to deal with the false alarm - phew!

After the October half term, the PTA ran a lunch time Christmas decorations club, co-ordinated by Sara Brooks. Thank you so much to all those involved in helping with the ideas and making themselves available. We had a great response; the lunchtime club had a variety of activities with items made available for purchase at the Xmas Fair.

In November, Lucy Cliff organised the sale of the Christmas cards that the children had been busy designing back in September and offered Parents the option of purchasing personalised gifts containing the design as Xmas gifts for family and friends. The cards and gifts in total raised a staggering £2640.50, profit of 1487.44.

On the 1st December we held our Christmas Fair, co-ordinated by Leanne Ludidi. Leanne put on an amazing outdoor event that got everyone in the festive mood with visits to Santa, lots of Xmas themed games, craft stalls, adopt a bear, pupil choir singing and warming hot chocolate enjoyed by those that attended. The class hampers were an event attraction and kept the crowds until the end. In total the Christmas Fair raised £1187.91, profit of £792.99.

To finish the year off Siobhan Horner organised a private showing of ’Paddington 2’ hosted at The Riverside Cinema. The school’s name was up in spot lights, the red carpet was out and there was a buzz in the air. Thanks so much to the Riverside Cinema for letting us host this for a fourth year running. After the movie we raffled a Paddington hamper keen to send Paddington to a loving home. This great night raised £1578, profit of £435.06.
The first event to start 2018 was the family Bingo, co-ordinated by Cara Howe. The Bingo is always a favourite with the Children of Woodbridge Primary who retain the enthusiasm created during the Bingo assembly right up to the event night. Mixed in with the Bingo were fun games of ‘heads & tails’ which added to the already electric atmosphere. We raised a pleasing £339.10, profit of £302.35.

At Easter we have historically run another disco/karaoke event, this is traditionally the event that doesn’t do so well. This year due to availability of PTA volunteers the Easter disco/karaoke was replaced with the Easter themed hampers. Thank you to the children, parents and teachers for helping to organise pulling the hampers together. These were raffled with the winners announced during the school assembly. We raised £329.80, just £70 short of the karaoke takings in 2017 with no cost so all takings resulted in profit for use by the school, £329.80.

In May we ran our Quiz Night, co-ordinated by Amanda Jobson. A group of PTA volunteers admirably filled the role of quiz question masters with Ben Cliff as Quiz master host on the night with Amanda’s husband, Dave as top chef providing scrumptious food to help soak up the party spirit of this ‘adult’ only event. From the wooden spoon to the trophy winners this was a great night which transitioned from the school hall of Woodbridge Primary to the cocktail bars of Woodbridge Town for some! In total the event raised £422.50, profit £324.97.

During the last term, Sara and Lucy ran ‘Ice Pop Friday’, for 20p the Children could buy an ice pop after school on a Friday to cool them down on their journey home from school. This was a popular event which helped boost the overall fundraising amount with £237.63 raised, profit of £125.

As every year, the event calendar wouldn’t be the same without the BIG event of the year, the Woodbridge Primary School Summer Fair. The PTA team joined together in force to put on yet another spectacular event. This year was movie themed driven by the creative flair of Sara Brooks who was supported by willing helpers that transformed the Summer Fair into a movie theme delight. The Summer Fair always delivers a great atmosphere, entertainment and a full day of activity for family and friends of Woodbridge Primary School. New this year was Deben Community Farm, Airborne Fitness and ring leaders Kirsty & Chris. The tug of war event had a new twist including a paddling pool of cold water which given the hot weather provided more of a treat for the losing side rather than a punishment! Mr Krisson drew in the crowds with queues circling the playing field as he placed his head in the stocks for wet sponges to be hurled towards him with nowhere to run, first in line was our returning friends from America, the Fechts who had previously spent 2 years at Woodbridge Primary prior to returning to Philadelphia in 2016. We raised £3465.75 (excluding previously committed sponsorship that has been actively pursued), an impressive £800 increase on 2017, profit of £2644.05.

Throughout the year, Sara Brooks did a fabulous job in keeping the social media updated via facebook with upcoming events in addition to promoting fundraising ideas such as Easy fundraising, an online cashback scheme. This year Easy fundraising contribution was £368.05

The Dad’s from the 3 Woodbridge schools put together a cricket match between the schools. Families pay to take part in the event, with the players paying fines for various reasons during the matches. This is the third year this has taken place with the event contributing £125 for the PTA.

In 2018, the fundraising events were led by PTA volunteers, the support and enthusiasm was truly amazing with a lot of effort put in to each event. Vicky Tinsley provided much appreciated support across all the events working closely with Matt Denny to produce promotional event comms, generating meeting action logs and first point of contact for event enquiries, with Heidi Shove & Lucy Cliff continuing to offer their benefit of experience to keep the PTA running on the rails......a huge thank you to the team from me.

Thanks to everyone, committee members, parents, family, friends and staff for helping us have another phenomenal year of fundraising.
How the money has been spent (In addition to the Class Money, £25 per class per term)

Foundation - New furniture: Playbarn & Table, Drawing Board & Window
Coach contribution

Yr1 - Coach to Ipswich Museum

Yr2 - Coach to Ipswich Museum
Coach to Suffolk Punch

Yr3 - Coach to Ipswich Museum
Coach for BT visit

Yr4 - Coach for trip to Snape Maltings
Coach for trip to Kentwell hall

Yr5 - African Adventure contribution
Coach Trip to Ducking down the Deben

Yr6 - Contribution to Archery, Derbyshire

Whole School - Easter eggs
Christmas trees
Ice pops for sports day
Glockenspiels
Chromebook for Library
Assembly Books
Mad science
Immersive Science
Kazoos

Committee Members
Natalie Keogh - Chair stepped down Sept 2018
Vicky Tinsley - Secretary stepped down Sept 2018
Maria Navarro-Shemmings - Treasurer stepped down Sept 2018
Leanne Luddi chair nominee
Katie Dagnell treasurer nominee
Lucy Cliff
Amanda Jobson
Chloe Rudge
Greta Wallace
Henriett Varga
Richard Haugh
Mark Krisson
Caroline Moore
James Smith
Timandra Howell
Louise Sargent
Lizzie Sharpley
Sara Brooks
Stacey Irvine
Cara Howe
Rob Zechnor
Heidi Shove school leaver summer 2018
Damian Horner school leaver summer 2018
Siobhan Horner school leaver summer 2018
Newsletter

We have produced 2 newsletters in the academic year.

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 Tuesday afternoon in the staff room.

2018/2019 Committee Leadership

The following changes have been confirmed for 2018/2019:

Leanne Ludidi nominated as Chair by Sara Brooks, second by Amanda Dobson
Greta Wallace nominated as Secretary by Amanda Dobson, second by Leanne Ludidi
Katie Dagnell nominated as Treasurer by Maria Navarro-Shemmings, second by Natalie Keogh

Proposed Events for 2018/2019

October - Halloween Disco, Friday 12th, 6.15pm - 8.15pm
October - Xmas cards and alternative Xmas gift, order forms will be out before October half term
November - Xmas decorations club, 1 day per week throughout November
December - Christmas Market, proposed date Friday 7th December, TBC
December - Christmas Movie, date TBC
February - Quiz Night, date TBC
March/April - Easter Bingo, date TBC
June - Summer fair, date TBC
July - St.Kybridge Cricket, event and date TBC
June - New Parents Induction evening, date TBC
Summer Term - Ice Pop Friday

Ideas yet to be completed

How to increase members in the committee, parents and teaching staff - We need to work on this, we have managed to get a few new members although we have lost some long-standing committee members with the departure of year 6.

The PTA plays such an important role in supporting the school funding which provides new opportunities and experiences for the children. There is a lot of effort and commitment given by the PTA members and it has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated time during my year as Chair. Good luck Leanne for the coming year, I am sure you will find the experience daunting at times but overall very enjoyable.

Thank you, Natalie Keogh.