



ASHTON ST PETER'S C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL S.O.A.P.S

Chairpersons Report 2015-2016

It is with pleasure that I write the Chairperson's report for SOAPS 2015/2016.

I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to those individuals who have supported SOAPS with their hard work throughout the year. I speak on behalf of SOAPS when I say that without your support and commitment we would not have achieved so much over the past year.

I would personally like to thank Laura Randall for her relentless support and for giving up her Fridays for visits to Bookers etc. I feel thanks should also go to Mrs McGinty for her continued support, despite our changes to events, and those early morning meetings.

Over the past year the SOAPS committee met every half term to arrange an event, which would raise funds, at least once each term. This Year our format has remained almost the same but with some new things being tried out which seemed to work very well.

Our Year has been amazing and I want to thank the parents, carers and children - both on and off committee for their support. We have had terrific response from Parents with manning stalls and supporting events. Without this support our varied events would not have been so much fun for children and parents to share.

For the purposes of this report, I will revisit the events we have held this year - all of which, I might add, have been extremely successful.

- We kicked off the year with Christmas cards, always popular and such a nice welcome back to school for teachers and pupils. Christmas Cards and Mugs were on sale and proceeds will all go to our school!
- We then we had the Christmas fair, Esther Clarke and her amazing team put on a slick and exciting event, Thank you Esther. This particular event is

organized to be fun and affordable for the children, and the feedback we received was very positive. Well done.

- Children were again offered the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for members of their family. This initiative was run by the teachers and was wonderfully organised by Laura Pallett. Thank you for co-ordinating this Laura as well as Fathers Day and others. Your relationships with suppliers and the school are the reason that this is a such a successful event. Thanks also to Fiona Walker for co-ordinating, with Laura, the Mother's and Father's day gift shops on those day.
- After Christmas came Film nights for all classes. These were spread over two nights. The older children had a choice of film this year and screens were set up in the class rooms to add to the cinema experience. A special thank you to all the lovely parents that assisted with the Key Stage One film night as this was a busy one, also thank you to Mrs McGinty and Mrs Marriott in the Night at the Museum screening. This was even busier! Mrs Ingham was much appreciated in the Inside Out room, and I really must mention Laura Randall's excellent hot dog cooking skills, many thanks.
- The summer Palooza was the final event of the year. And what an event! Though we had a mild typhoon the parents stuck it out with us. Thanks to our foresight we had purchased some new gazebos so we could offer people shelter whilst they listened to the Rock Chorus. There are so many people to thank personally for their help but I hope that in this report I have made my thanks clear to you all. Make no mistake - this Palooza was a smasher! The idea of pairing up with the football tournament was a great idea, which we will do again. It really did increase footfall through both events. Thanks to all the stallholders and to the Christina Marks Performing Arts school, music school and Rock Chorus who entertained us so well.
- And to end the year we sold ice-lollies after school on many afternoons, although this year not so many as the weather was not so good to us.
- Bags to School was a good fundraiser and we will continue to participate in this.

The fundraising this year has provided Christmas Gifts, Breakfast with Santa, hot cross buns and renovation of the Year R Wendy House; a tunnel for the playground; £100 to each class; £200 for the Library; and an ice lolly for all staff and children on the last day of term. Plans for further spend include tablets for the children to use in IT, new netball court markings and trees for classes to celebrate 10 years of Ashton on this site. SOAPS will also be making a contribution to the memorial for Joshua Houghton, who was a pupil at this school.

Extra events planned for this year will be Ashtival, outdoor cinema and Easter event.

I look forward to another successful year, well done everyone

Manda Isiekwe - Chair