



ASHTON ST PETER'S C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Chairpersons Report 2013-2014

It is with pleasure that I write the Chairpersons report for the PTA 2013-2014. This is our second and final year as Joint Chairperson, and we are delighted to report that we have had another busy and successful year.

Firstly, we would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to the committee members for all their support and hard work throughout the year. We have valued your support immensely and could not have achieved all that we have without your help and commitment. Also, we would like to personally thank Steve Fuller, our treasurer, who works tirelessly. A special thank you also is extended to Mrs McGinty, Miss Padley and Mr Coote for putting up with constant questions and requests throughout the year.

Over the past year the PTA committee has met every half term to arrange an event, at least once each term. This past year has seen the introduction of new events as well as the development of existing ones.

Now over to the exciting stuff...our events and achievements...which we also need to thank the parents, carers and children for. We have been very fortunate to have had the help of parents this year manning stalls and supporting events. Without their valuable support we would not be able to put on so many exciting things for the children to take part in.

So to begin; a summary of the events that we have hosted. The year began with the ever faithful project of designing Christmas cards in September and parents were able to order both Cards and mugs this year. Deciding to build upon the success of previous table-top sales, this year we have hosted three. All were hugely successful with many outside stall-holders as well as members of the public attending. Boosting

the success of each event was the sale of food and drink which we are grateful to Mr Coote and Mrs McGinty for manning!

Towards the end of the Autumn term there was a rush of events! Festive Film Night was attended by children in all year groups and all enjoyed a hotdog, popcorn, sweets and a drink whilst they watched 'Arthur Christmas'. Breakfast with Santa was hosted again and all classes came into the hall to eat toast and meet Santa. There was a buzz of excitement amongst all the children. To end the term, we hosted the 'Christmas Cracker'. It was a very short and sweet event but hugely successful and enjoyable.

We offered parents the chance to buy gifts from the Chocoholics and Yellow Moon catalogues. There was some uptake although not a hugely successful venture. However, on a far more successful note, the Gift Shops at Christmas, Mothers Day and Fathers Day were enjoyed by many children. There was a great choice of gifts for the children to choose from and each child loved choosing and wrapping their gifts. We are sure that each gift was received well.

The New Year was brought in with the chance for us to clear out our wardrobes for Bags to School in January. The clothes go to good causes and help raise money for the school.

Instead of the usual 'Easter Extravaganza' we decided to host a more creative event. Children were asked to design an Easter Garden. All were displayed in the hall and the children voted for their favourite gardens. So much effort was put into this project and they were absolutely fantastic! The children and parents worked so hard and were very proud of what they produced.

The summer fayre was the final event of the year. Lots of time and effort went into preparing for this. Unfortunately the rain did get the better of us this year, but we soldiered on and the fayre was enjoyed by all with chances to buy plants, crafts, refreshments as well as being able to participate in more traditional games. Thanks go to all the stall holders as well as the gymnasts who entertained us so well.

To end the year, we sold ice lollies after school on many afternoons. The children and adults alike greatly appreciated the possibility to buy a lolly after a long, hot day!

The fundraising this year has provided Bibles in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 as well as crosses for each classroom. Team Points, Christmas Gifts, Breakfast with Santa, Mini Easter eggs as well as hot cross buns have also been paid for with funds from the PTA.

It has been an extremely busy two years with many successful events. Emily and I have enjoyed working closely with the committee and have particularly enjoyed introducing new events as well as developing the well-loved ones.

Emily Bayes and Laura Cladd