



ASHTON ST PETER'S C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL
S.O.A.P.S
Chairpersons Report 2016-2017

It is with pleasure that I write the Chairperson's report for SOAPS 2016/2017.

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 yet another year of support and for being a fabulously thorough treasurer, the accounts have never been in better shape. Thank you to Sian for being a wonderful Secretary and decoding my garbled emails to be sure they make sense to everyone else. Thank you to Mrs McGinty and the staff of the school who have been extremely supportive this year (even letting us try new things!).

What an amazing year we have had 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.

I will go through the events of the year

- 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 all proceeds go to our school!
- Then we had the Christmas fair. This year the Fair was more adventurous. Esther and the team were fabulously organised as usual. The Grotto was beautifully decorated and manned by Francesca and Sally. Our thanks to you both. The whole team were on point and we had so much positive feedback. The Tea/Coffee was moved to the Year 2 area, which gave us a lot more space for more fun. Again a wonderful event. Thank you to all who helped.
- Children were offered the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for members of their family. This initiative was run by the wonderful 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 such a successful event. Thanks also to Fiona Walker – with Laura - for co-ordinating the Mother's and Father's day gift shops on those days.

- After Christmas we hosted Film nights for all classes. As we have smart screens in all classrooms we could offer a wider range of films and the children were in a smaller space making it cosier. The children enjoyed the range of films as they chose the selection, and as usual there was a winner in each room and their prize was a copy of the DVD.
- We ran a fun Easter competition this year which, although not as successful as was hoped, all entrants were brilliantly “eggsecuted”
- The summer Palooza was the final event of the year. We had booked for good weather this year and boy was it sunny!! We had external stalls this year as well as outside events like donkey rides and the Oscar Car. We had some sponsorship from B&Q and Your Marketing Needs which meant we had a mini beach and the ever popular sumo suits. The Palooza was run on the field as building work was underway and we also had the football tournament on at the same time. All timings worked well with the football games and the demonstrations in the arena from Christina's dance/drama group and Kickboxing. The event felt slicker this year and the profits reflect how much everyone enjoyed it.
- As it was the schools anniversary SOAPS organised for a CD to be recorded to be purchased by families. All children received a certificate and Staff and Children recorded some tracks to look back on forever.
- And to end the year we sold ice-lollies after school. It was disappointing that this was not as successful as it might have been due to lack of availability of parents to sell them.
- Bags to School was a good fundraiser and we will continue to run this.

The fundraising year has provided Christmas Gifts; Breakfast with Santa; hot cross buns, and Christmas crackers as well as First News. SOAPS financed the repair and treatment of the trim trail and some trees were planted at the lower end of the field to commemorate the schools anniversary. As a society we also purchased some racking that made our new storage cupboard tidier.

Extra events planned for this year will be Ashtival 2, Disco night and Easter event. Further details will be forthcoming soon.

I look forward to another successful year, well done everyone

Manda Isiekwe - Chair