



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

Chairpersons Report 2017-2018

It is with pleasure that I write the Chairperson's report for SOAPS 2017/2018.

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, I am still not able to add anything up without a back up check. 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.

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 a soggy Ashtival . this was our first ever camping/music evening and apart from the rain everyone seemed to have a great time, including pitch black rounders!!
- 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, we continued to use last years company as they were very good last year.
- Then we had the Christmas fair. The effort put in by Shelly and Sharon on the organizing was spectacular and I think it showed in the success of the event. Thank you Shelly and Sharon for organising a great event. I know the wine hamper was another draw for the raffle prize and this is a good fundraiser. The whole team worked together brilliantly on this event and thanks go to all involved.

- 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. Laura we will miss you but I am sure Fiona will continue to shine.
- We hosted Film nights for all classes. Again we had a varied choice of films chosen by the children, the shorter Yr r film works well and we will continue with this format. As usual one child from each film wins the DVD.
- We ran a fun Easter garden competition this year which was very well attended this year, it seems gardens are the way to go.
- Quiz night was a new venture for us this year and it was a huge success, thank you Laura Randall for organising such a slick event.
- The summer Palooza was the final event of the year. It was a scorcher, we had a range of external stalls again as well as support from Templar Kick Boxing, Donnas Dance school and the fabulous ambulance service. The event was again laid out on the field as the weather was glorious. The BBQ was expertly manned by Shawndell with the assistance of Mrs McGinty and Ruth Banton many thanks as this was a hot day.
- Ashtival 2 was held again in July as the feedback from the first one was that the weather wasn't the best. The second ashtival had more of a festival vibe with 4 brilliant bands that entertained us while we ate Fish and chips in the sunshine.

The fundraising year has provided Christmas Gifts; Breakfast with Santa; hot cross buns, and Christmas crackers each class had £200 to spend on "extra fun items" we also fund First News. We are currently waiting on a quote to re paint the playground and are looking into providing some tablets for the whole school to use.

I look forward to another successful year, well done everyone

Manda Isiekwe - Chair