



PFA of ST. CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Charity No: 1090990

Chairman report September 2016 /2017

As Chair of the PFA of St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, I have pleasure in presenting my second chairman's report for the 12 months to the 31st August 2017.

The year started really well with the first school disco for the children. Always a winner with the children and a good ice breaker for new pupils to join in and see what we do!

We commissioned a super idea by one of our committee members, Alison Hill, to have produced some bespoke tee towels to sell at Christmas which proved to be a great success. The tee towels of the children's caricature faces were ordered and we sold a massive 80 of them boosting our funds by around £400. We also sold jute bags gratefully sponsored by Andrew Backhouse Chimney Sweep which made a further £130.

Pam Beaty organised a trip to Blackpool for the parents and children of the school to see the illuminations in October and around £70 was donated to PFA as a result of a raffle on board the coach.

The Christmas fair was organised and made around £600.

A carol singing event at Lakeland also took place and made around £130

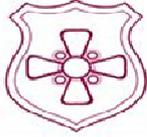
We also had a second disco at the start of February and sold glow sticks making around the £200 approx.

Just before the Easter break, the children were able to attend the footprint project again for extra sessions from last years project which was funded by a grant that the PFA has secured. The children had a lovely time and made bat and bird boxes which are now in situ around the school grounds.

A spring raffle was organised and raffle prizes were sought. The draw took place at the veggie event on 7th May. The raffle made around £330, with the first prize going to Mr Lewis, a parent of a pupil at the school. This was a joint school and parish 'veggie' event which received a grant to enable it to happen and attracted over 40 attendees on the day, many of which had made a veggie meal and shared with each other at the event. The music was provided by Harps North West who played for around 3hrs for a donation from the PFA of £50. Father Kevan and many of the other ladies from the parish expressed their gratitude for the event and asked if we could do something similar again!?

The newly acquired PA system made a huge difference in calling out the numbers and names of winners too. This system had also been bought by the PFA funds for around £50.

We have donated funds of £600 to the school towards the new white board in KS1 and also subsidised a school trip to the farm at Green Lands. New chairs have been purchased for the dining hall and a new floor has been put down replacing the old worn one of almost 40yrs wear and tear making the hall a better place for all the users including our children's lunch time and pe sessions.



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We secured a small grant from the NFU mutual which enabled us to purchase another bench table and seats for the smaller children to use in the hall and also a further 8 folding chairs. At the end of the summer term we decided to host a summer BBQ, which would be free for attendees as a thank you for supporting the PFA and school throughout the school year. On Tuesday 18th July we had our BBQ which was kicked off by the hip hop dancers performing a routine they had been learning over the last term. The weather was kind to us and the evening was a great success. I have to express my thanks to Cafe Italia, Claytons Butchers and to the many dads of the ladies of the committee who came and helped out on the night. Around 150 people enjoyed the evening.

We have a strong team who all pull together in the same direction to get results. But I am acutely aware that we need to be proactively searching for different ways to raise money and secure grants. We do have a few ideas of projects for the forthcoming year but I am always open to suggestions.