

## **St Chad's PTA Chair's Report 2017 / 2018**

First and foremost, sincere thanks to Mark Bellamy, Ish Farouqui and Nicky Abraham for their continued and invaluable support this year. Special thanks also goes to Katy Dixon, who has inadvertently taken on the role of my printing PA on many occasions this year.

There are so many people to thank for their on going support and enthusiasm but I am mindful not to miss anyone off the roll call – with that in mind I will simply say everyone has been absolutely amazing and it has been a privilege to work with the whole school community.

The class reps have continued to communicate key messages across all year groups and to rally round for volunteers. As previously agreed it is important for them to monitor the Whatsapp group chat and encourage any discussions relating to school matters to be directed appropriately. The Whatsapp groups are an essential communication tool for the PTA and work well for us therefore we really need them to continue.

The creation of 'project' type working groups continues to work well. We have welcomed more parents, carers and supporters since September and the Christmas Fair was extremely well supported this year. I firmly believe this was as a direct result of asking people to help out for a small amount of time. The toy stall alone had 5 people on it at one point, which was fantastic.

We have another full calendar of events planned throughout this academic year and well into the next. Reimbursing out of pocket expenses within 7 days of the event taking place with cash has worked well. This should continue.

Having an incentive for fund raising proved extremely popular and should be revisited again when appropriate. It has also helped being able to concentrate on the profitable events and aiming to deliver 4 of those a year (ie 2 x fairs and 2 other events in between). The Curry Night was a great success and should be a regular event. I anticipate the Family Quiz Night planned for May 18 will also be well supported.

If the PTA are to be more organised prior to events taking place there is a definite need for a more robust and spacious storage solution. This is in hand but needs progressing at pace. In essence each working party should be able to pick up the storage boxes from the previous year for each event and feel confident that everything is stored together, the contents of the boxes are fully documented and by default the majority of the organisation has already been done. It is hoped that this would encourage more people to volunteer, reassuring them that the role of project leader is less daunting. The lack of storage is not helping progress this idea but it has been an improving trend, which is both encouraging and positive.

I conclude by reiterating how much I have enjoyed the last 12 months. We have had a few challenges but been able to overcome them all by working well together to support the school and our children. This is a very well structured, organised and profitable PTA. Long may it continue.

## PA AGM – HEADTEACHER’S REPORT February 2018

It has been another extremely successful year when the partnership between the PTA and St. Chad’s Primary School has developed really positively.

Our hardworking PTA Committee has organised and led on a variety of social events throughout the year. Once again, the Summer and Christmas Fairs were excellent and extremely successful, especially as they combined a menu of fun activities for the whole family with raising much appreciated funds for the benefit of our school.

During the last year the PTA generously continued to provide funding for us to contribute to school activities and also purchase items to enhance life in school for our pupils, including:

- ✓ Significant fundraising to purchase Christopher, our school minibus!
- ✓ Replacing the outdoor coat and wellie racks in Early Years
- ✓ Bibles for school leavers and Reception
- ✓ providing the coach for the Y6 residential
- ✓ Mothers’ Day hyacinth bubs and chocolate at Christmas for all children

... and much more!

The PTA have continued to provide a warm welcome to families who are new to our wonderful school through; attendance at the new parents’ meeting in June; greeting parents and pupils on their first day at school with tea and biscuits in the staffroom; and also hosting a coffee morning early in the Autumn Term and inviting all new families from across school to attend. Other hugely successful events this year have been the Curry and Quiz Night, the Food Festival and the End of Year KS1 /KS2 Disco. We eagerly await our inaugural Family Fun Night which is planned for later this term. All of these events help us to live out our mission – caring, sharing, laughing and learning together; in the light of God.

I extend my thanks to all last year’s committee members and parent helpers on behalf of the children and staff of St. Chad’s. We are very fortunate to have such an active PTA whose membership always has our pupils’ best interests at the heart of everything they do.

I hope that all parents will continue to do their best to support our wonderful Parents’ Association in future, so that the very valuable contribution they make towards improving facilities for all children who attend St. Chad’s, can continue and thrive.

Ashleigh Dunn 27.2.18

**2016 - 2017**

<b>BALANCE 31<sup>st</sup> Dec '16</b>	£5,004.00			
<b>BALANCE 31<sup>st</sup> Dec '17</b>	£7,887.78			
<b>INCREASE IN BALANCE</b>	£2,883.78			
<b>SOME OF THE BIG SPENDS</b>			<b>SOME OF THE BIG EARNERS</b>	
Mathletics	£907.00		Lloyds (K Gough matched funding)	£490.00
Disco	£180.00		Donations	£500.00
Bibles	£550.00		Ice Pops	£140.00
Mothers day flowers	£155.00		Mugs	£144.00
Minibus	£2,000.00		Tim Matched funding (summer fair)	£470.00
Robinwood Coach	£980.00		Hayley Matched funding (summer fair)	£1,000.00
Bus Sign Writing	£180.00		Ice pops, disco, lego cards	£272.00
			Summer Fair	£1,967.00
			Quiz night	£673.00
			Xmas Cards	£481.00
			Xmas Fair	£1,834.00

<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	£2,883.78
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