



Cliffe VC Primary School PTA Report for the AGM Wednesday 21st September 2016

The current PTA has now been active since February 2016 and I think that we have had a really successful 6 months! As joint chairpersons, myself and Becky would like to start by saying a massive thanks to all of the PTA committee, the parents and staff for their on-going enthusiasm and hard work during that time.

In the beginning, the committee took the decision to give the PTA a fresh start, so we held a competition to rename the group and design a new logo. We are now committed to making our school's PTA a real success and are trying to be very proactive, involving as many parents and carers as possible. We are working hard to get the message across to everyone in school that the PTA is not as intensive as people may think! Instead, any help or support is appreciated and very valuable no matter how big or small! With this in mind, we have set up a new Cliffe VC Primary School PTA Facebook page and started a PTA email mailing list, to keep everyone updated on upcoming events, meetings and times when they might be able to help in some way. The Facebook page is also doubling up as a method for advertising events in the local community so is proving very valuable!

We have crammed a number of events into the last 6 months, for example, the Easter and Leaver's discos, the Mother's Day craft event, various refreshments stalls at school events and the Grow a Pound project (in association with the school council).

On top of this, our biggest challenge so far was to take on the annual Family Funday. We were very lucky that it was a glorious day and the sun shone, which helped to create a lovely summer atmosphere at the event. The excitement of Minster FM attending the day really added to this, and we would like to thank Mrs Townend and her class for their amazing letters that persuaded Minster FM to come! We were very grateful to all the local companies who donated prizes and sponsored the event, and a special thanks should go to the New Inn Pub who kindly donated their BBQ at the last minute! We also had some very dedicated volunteers who helped in the preparation stages and on the day, and we would like to say a big thank you to them all!

Another exciting addition to the day was the attendance of Pop Party, who kindly organised for 'Belle' (from Beauty and the Beast) to sing. They also acted as DJs for the event, having the music playing was another element that really contributed to the overall atmosphere!

Something new that we introduced this year was the 'Grow a Pound' project that also enabled the children who took part to engage in learning that promoted entrepreneurial skills! We ran this collaboratively with the school council, who became 'The Bank of Cliffe' and handed out the business loans! We witnessed a number of really successful little businesses that ranged from offering nail painting, selling ice lollies at playtime to setting up a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition or selling homemade dog biscuits! We hope the children enjoyed this and they have helped to raise £121.69! Some businesses continued over the summer, so we will be able to add some new totals to this soon! The concept will also continue to run at school, which will enable the children to start up their own small businesses when they have an idea.

At the end of the Summer Term 2016, we were very proud to arrive at our final total of £3176! We have so far subsidised the whole school trip to Bempton Cliffs, bringing the final cost of the trip down by 50% to just £5 per child. We are now looking at buying some new playground equipment and will look at this in the Autumn term.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Hay for her support and guidance, and to all the staff in school for giving us their time, effort, support and access to school and its resources this year. Here's to a successful 2016-2017!

Amy Wilson and Becky Foster

PTA Chairpersons

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