

# Cliffe VC PTA

## Spring 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the first PTA newsletter of 2017! We had a busy Autumn Term 2016 and some very successful events! A big thank you for all your support so far this school year!

### FUNDRAISING GOALS!

The school created a PTA 'wish list' back in October, so we all have something to aim for with our fundraising efforts. At the beginning of the new school year, we asked Mrs Hay to let us know what the school would like us to raise money for. Our main goal on the school's wish list at the moment is to raise £4898 to

purchase a multi-purpose outdoor stage with a pergola covering and outdoor seating, for the school field. The school's aim is to further develop the field with some facilities that can be used all year round. The equipment will be used to enhance our children's learning across the curriculum, and be utilised during lesson times, playtime, for story-telling, recitals, performances, imaginative play, the possibilities are endless! This is a large goal, so it will take us some time to reach, but we are determined to get there! The school's 'wish list' will also be a 'moving list' so the school can add to it at any time through the school year! So far this year, we have also subsidised the Christmas pantomime by £500, and provided Christmas crackers for all the children at their Christmas dinner!



**PTA EVENTS** The 'Trick or Treat' Smartie tubes at the end of October were a bit of fun, and a good little fundraiser at the same time! We raised £174.62 from coins collected in the tubes! We also held a November disco that was enjoyed by lots of our children. We would like to pass our thanks to Malcolm Holmes, one of the parents at school, who volunteers his DJ skills and equipment at our disco events! He provides the tunes, and the children (and some of the teachers) provide the moves! Also, thank to another parent, Natalie Kendrew who lends us her disco equipment too!

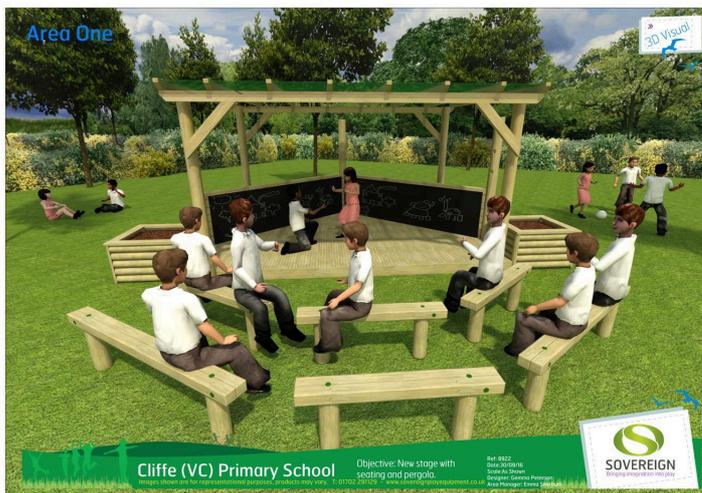
The PTA's 'Grow a Pound' project has continued into this new school year and you might have seen some of the children's stalls at the Christmas Market!

We have also been serving refreshments at the class sharing assemblies!

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!** Our biggest event so far this academic year was the new Cliffe Christmas Market! It definitely brought the Christmas spirit to Cliffe in early

December, and really showed the full potential of Cliffe's new village green!

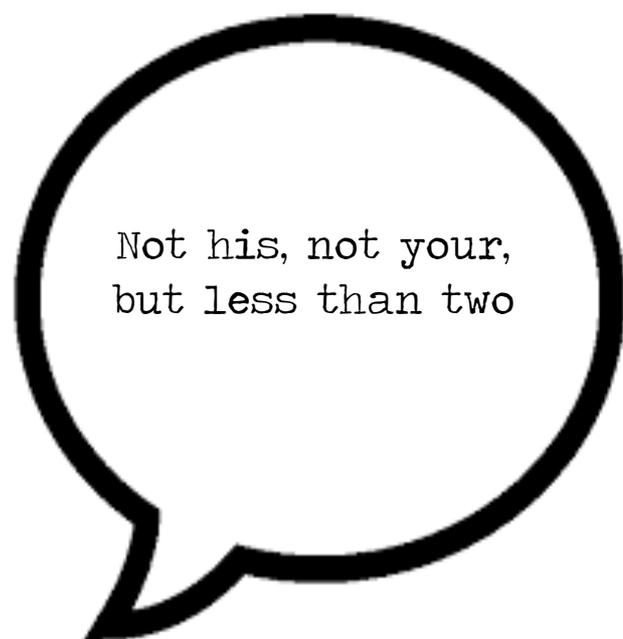
We would like to thank Happy Hogs Catering, Fairfax Plant Hire, Abbey Alarms, Steve Cook Electrical and Cliffe Parish Council for all their help and support with the event. Without their huge donations of time, skills and resources, the event would not have gone ahead! We have had lots of fantastic feedback about the event, and, as a result, will be looking into the possibility of repeating it for Christmas 2017! We were also really excited that, on top of being a lovely community event, we managed to raise £1144.69 for the school!



**2017 EVENTS** We have already started to think activities and events for this year and they include special Mothers and Fathers Day events, a quiz night and, of course, the Summer Funday! We have some exciting plans for the Funday this year, so would love some ideas and support to make it even bigger and better than last year!

Here is a cryptic clue to the name of a character who might be linked to this year's Funday theme!

There is a small prize waiting for the first person to work out the character's name! Please post your answer on our Facebook page when you think you know who it is!



## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Did you know??? Each class has its own PTA representative for this school year. We felt that this would make communication easier with the parents and children in each class:

North Wing: Nikki Firth  
East Wing: Ashley Pickles  
South Wing: Beth Greenwood  
West Wing: Jenna Holman

The class reps also organise the refreshments for the sharing assemblies, so if you can spare 15 minutes before your child's assembly to help out then it would be much appreciated!



Remember, by being a parent/ carer of a child in school, you are already automatically a member of the PTA, but you don't have to be a fully-fledged committee member to show your support. It might be serving tea and coffee at your child's sharing assembly, or helping out at an event. We are always grateful for more helping hands.

**We have several ways so you can keep in touch with what is happening...**



The PTA Facebook Page has now been up and running for a whole year! It has regular updates on upcoming events, and you will also be able to find out simple ways you can help out at: [www.facebook.com/cliffeschoolpta](http://www.facebook.com/cliffeschoolpta)



The mailing list hasn't really got off the ground yet, as we have only had three people sign up to it so far! So, please sign up to our mailing list by emailing: [cliffvcpta@outlook.com](mailto:cliffvcpta@outlook.com)

We will only send out emails when we need some help or support with an upcoming event. We will also let you know when the meetings are. By being on the mailing list, you will know when help is needed and you can choose when you help!



Then of course, you are welcome to come along to the meetings; we are all parents of children at Cliffe VC Primary School, just like you! We enjoy a cuppa and always welcome new ideas for raising money! Our next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm** at school. We would welcome new faces, so please do try and come along if you can!