



Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015 Chairperson's Report

The 2014/15 school year started off with a Bags2School collection and the pupils designing their Cauliflower Christmas cards.

The first big PTA event was the Christmas Fair, always a popular and profitable fundraiser with lots of support from parents, teachers and pupils. A big thank you to Roz Kepke-Smith and the other PTA elves who decorated the grotto, corridors and trees to get school looking Christmassy before the fair.

This year the tombolas were extremely well supported with lots of bottles, teddies and sweets in jars being donated. We had some lovely stalls and raffle prizes too.

School Christmas dinner went off with a bang thanks to the crackers supplied by the PTA and Santa was back at the parties afterwards with a gift for each pupil, donated by the PTA.

Cake sales started in February with a Valentine's theme. These are always very popular.

Our Mother's Day secret gift sale was a great success, well done to Amy Marsden for organising all the lovely plants.

An Easter Disco was held for each Keystage in April. These were kept as free events again this year as parents were busy supporting other charities for the Lenten Box collection.

We decided to sell our huge piles of second hand uniform for a whole week using a free classroom. This was very effective in reducing its quantity. The rest went to Bags2School with only a small selection of items being kept which have the school logo on.

More cake sales were held in May and June and we had our first Father's Day gift sale which went well with lots of choice of gifts for dad. A big thank you to Diana Williams who spent all day shopping and wrapping gifts with me.

The Summer term was an extremely busy time for us. Bunbury Village Day parade kicked things off followed by our annual Summer BBQ which presented us with lots of challenges regarding logistics, safety and timing this year but which was a lovely family friendly evening thankfully not spoiled by the downpour of rain we had at the start.

The pressure on us became more intense with the organising of the Summer Ball, held every two years on the Cricket Pavillion. The Ball was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended, however ticket sales were slow. We hope to have made some profit and this will be reported on in due course along with a discussion held on the future of this event. It would not have gone ahead without the massive amount of work done by Steve Roots and Clair Whitecross and I am immensely grateful to them.

The school year ended with the Year 6 Leaver's Evening which is a fitting celebration of all the pupils' achievements over their time at Bunbury. Drinks were supplied by the PTA and thanks go to Dionne Lennon and Helen Grimley for serving them to parents, pupils and staff.

Throughout the year we also have our 150 Club running which has been managed by Marie Turner this year. This is an important fundraiser for us and a big thank you to Marie for taking it over from Suzanne.

PTA CONTRIBUTIONS

- Our £3000 contribution has bought a touchscreen interactive whiteboard for the new Year 3 classroom
- Another £3000 donation has provided the MUGA (multi use games area) on the playground with all the courts marked out for different sports.
- We continue to fund new books for school at a cost of £1000 per annum.
- We pay £600 each year for the water coolers.
- We meet the annual travel costs and buy refreshments for the Christmas theatre trip amounting to nearly £1000.

We are looking at further ways to contribute towards school projects and sporting activities which benefit all of our pupils over the course of the new academic year.

THANK YOUs

It has been a very challenging year for Bunbury school with lots of changes taking place. Parents have stood by the school and continue to be very supportive of PTA fundraising efforts. We would like to thank them very much for this support.

The whole Committee are stepping down this year. I would like to say a big thank you to the deputy chair, Steve Roots, who has been involved with the PTA since his daughter Elie joined Reception four years ago. He has been a huge help to me over the past two years and bravely took on organising the Ball which is no mean feat given his already very demanding day job.

We are also losing Russell Parsons as Treasurer and I would like to thank him for all the time and effort he has put in to managing the pta accounts, especially for spending time in the Summer holidays getting them ready to be handed over.

A big thank you too to Amy Marsden who took over as Secretary and also became my artistic director as she has such great creative skills!

Our thanks also go to those who are taking on new roles and to Mrs Todd, all the teachers, the IEB, support staff and school office for their time and assistance throughout the year. Personally, it has been a very rewarding experience for me. I have enjoyed getting to know lots more parents, teachers and pupils. I've gained a better understanding of the role of the PTA and have felt much more involved in school life with the added bonus of being able to help raise funds to support the education of not only my child but all the children at this lovely school.

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