

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016

Firstly, I would just like to say how much I have enjoyed being involved with St George's PTFA. It has been a busy year but I have enjoyed EVERY minute of it! I'd personally like to thank Jim, Nicky, Sarah, Ann, Jess and Michael for your unending support, enthusiasm and total dedication to the cause. I would also like to mention Jemima, Harriett, Jen and Katie for stepping up to the fore and for their enthusiasm, input and inspired ideas this year.

I think you will all agree that we have had a great year for fundraising. Parents, staff and friends have been really generous with their time and support in all our events.

This year's Stourhead Catering Day was a huge success, raising just over £2500! With masses of support from parents, we were able to cater for visitors over two days. I think having a goal towards the funding 2 interactive whiteboards really pushed all of us involved to make this year the great success it was. We have had other smaller but equally as successful fundraisers including a No Bake Cake Sale, posies for Mother's Day, retro sweets for the Dads and inspired Easter Bonnets for our competition. There has been a Golf Tournament, a pub quiz and a Christmas Disco too.

This year we have been able to fund a visit from Mere Down Falconry; 2 new Smart Screens; interactive playground equipment including a Mag Post, sand pit and mud kitchen. We sent our wonderful school leavers off with their own hoodie and gave them a great send-off party too. There have been two school trips; the supply of refreshments at our Mini Olympics and new sound equipment for school. Upcoming events will include the entire school going to a Christmas pantomime, a school Christmas Disco and a Christmas party.

The swimming pool has been another success this year, thank you Sarah and Nicola for organising these. Thank you also to Will L T-B for all his hard work and enthusiasm – this has helped turn the pool into the great asset it is for all the school. So many people have commented on how great it looks.

The Cinema Club has been able to run all year, with two more coming up before Christmas including a special Christmas movie. Even though we increased the price slightly the club has still been well attended. Thankfully, with support from Claire Reynolds and Emma Martin, this club will now run into the New Year, which is great news as it provides a regular income.

The Facebook page continues to be a really good tool for parents to communicate with each other – lost school bags, missing homework, items for sale, clubs etc. We also have a Facebook Media Policy in place too that has been sent to all parents. A “Welcome Letter” has been sent to all new parents and this will be rolled out every year to try and get them involved in their PTFA.

As a registered charity we now have a Bookers Cash and Carry account that should help with the cost of supplies.

Looking ahead, we need to start planning for the festive season and the opportunity it presents to give our wonderful school children an unforgettable, fun experience whilst still keeping the true Christian spirit of our school, and of Christmas, very much alive.

Finally, thank you to Ann Buckton, our secretary, and to Nicky, our treasurer. After many years of doing a FABULOUS job, Ann and Nicky have decided to step down. Your unflappable, can do attitude, always with a smile and a laugh will be missed. And I feel I should also mention a special “thank you” to the Beswicks. You have ALL been stalwarts of the PTFA and the school community and you will be missed.

Eve Wynn

St George's PTFA Chair

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