

Headteacher report to PTFA 12th October 2016

- The PTFA has done a brilliant job in the past year, raising loads of money to spend on the children and bringing families together within our school community. On behalf of the children I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped in the past year, with special thanks to our 'officers' Eve, Jim, Anne, Jess and Nicky. The money you feed in to the school has enabled us to buy two new interactive whiteboards and new sound equipment for the Hall, along with fantastic experiences such as the trip to Sherborne, class trips to places such as Brenscombe Adventure Centre and our recent outing to Gillingham Library and Museum.
- We had a very successful Christmas Fayre, complete with a beautiful Santa Grotto with a great ticket system to avoid the queueing! Our Christmas disco was brilliantly run by DJ Dave and Eve Wynn, very much enjoyed by the children and adults alike. Secret Santa was a big hit with the children and provided a cheap present for mums and dads. The Pantomime was the best I have ever seen and is an inspiration for children who are interested in performing arts. The PTFA refreshments and raffle at our Christmas plays are a good fundraiser and add greatly to the enjoyment of the plays!
- Throughout the year, the collection of clothes continued to generate funds for the PTFA, the new 'Recycle with Michael' bin working really well. The cinema club also ran regularly through the year.
- During the Spring, work started to get the pool ready for the season. Thank you to the Nicky Lavis and Will LtB for leading on the pool organisation and maintenance, I would also like to thank Sarah Welshman for being the pool treasurer in recent years, she has now handed this role to Helen Rogerson, one of the school Governors. Thanks also to all the other people who have helped with running and maintaining the pool. It's a lot of effort but always worth it when we see the children showing such confidence and skill in the water.
- The summer term saw the pool alive with swimmers enjoying the improvements that had taken place. The new astro turf surrounding the pool, the updating of the changing rooms and smoothing down of the edging of the pool all contributing to the positive experience for the children.
- The PTFA Catering Days went very well and raised a huge total. PTFA were also involved in the Village Fete, the Golf day was again a great day, despite a drop of rain and the year was rounded off with the marquee hosting the Leavers Party which was enjoyed long into the evening.

New ideas such as the Easter Hat competition, Mothers and Fathers Day gifts and the No cake bake sale were welcome additions to the school year.

It's wonderful to know that we can 'dip in' to PTFA funds to make exciting things possible here, and that you are also willing to save up for major projects such as whiteboards or improvements to areas of school such as the Quiet Area. Your support is very much appreciated.