

The chairs report for TASS PTA AGM

Wednesday 6th May 2009

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The current joint chairs, secretary and treasurer took over these roles in September 2009. We would like to thank and acknowledge our predecessors, Joan Bell, Karen Tierney and Jill Oates for all of their hard work and commitment throughout their time on the PTA. They achieved the target for a new toilet block and presented the cheque to the school in July. Their last fund raising events were the summer school discos for the children and the summer ball at The Beauchief Hotel for the parents and teachers.

Since September we have had a lot to learn and have introduced a number of new fundraising opportunities . We started with an international breakfast for parents and children, this raised £105. Charlotte Freeman has implemented the Easy Fundraising scheme, which creates income from online shopping. Thank you Charlotte for this and for also continuing to coordinate the Bags 2 School which raised £294. Planet pot a ceramics café has also started to give the PTA 10% of the amount any TASS

pupil spends there.

In October we held the autumn fair, this is a big fund raiser, raising £1443 for the school. The fair was well attended and supported by parents, teachers and year six helpers. Thank you to John Diggins for his analysis highlighting which stalls and activities raised the most money - helpful for planning future events.

During the schools information café in November the PTA had a stall. John Diggins created a leaflet about what the PTA does and its aims, this is now in the school prospectus for new parents. In our on going attempts to get more members and helpers we attempted to encourage parents to come to meetings and give us their e-mails.

The ladies pamper evening was also held in November, although not well attended, was very successful, raising £294, and enjoyed by the ladies who could shop and have beauty treatments.

The Christmas discos for infants and juniors were popular although we need to buy the £1 presents earlier this year and have more sweets to sell! Sparky marky provided the entertainment, this was followed by an anonymous complaint by a parent about noise levels. Thank you Mrs Houghton for dealing with this matter.

In January we organised a first aid training course for parents with the Red Cross. Although there was not a great demand for this twelve parents and staff took part and now have certificates. Those attending made a donation to the Red Cross.

In February we held a successful and entertaining quiz night hosted by Aiden Giles. This raised £497. Thank you to him for the idea and all of his research and preparation. Thank you also to Cath and Dave Broadhurst who supplied the pie and peas. They also catered at the autumn fair, their generosity is appreciated. Mrs Maw also volunteered and ran the kitchen - we couldn't have done this without her - thank you!

The Easter egg hunt is an event funded entirely by the PTA. Jo greaves did a fantastic job organising and running this event and the Easter bonnet and egg competition. Thank you for doing this and giving the children a lot of fun.

We have continued to provide teas and coffees at events including Mr Bailey's retirement assembly. The PTA organised his leaving gift from the parents. Another regular event is the end of term bun sales. Karen White suggested these which have become a competition for extra playtime between the donating classes. These have raised between £30-£50 per sale. Thank you to all the parents for donating so many buns.

In April Laura Taylor and Sally Moorwood organised a Togswap. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and success with this new event, this raised £360. The next big event is the Summer ball at Whirlow brook hall, over 100 tickets have been sold already.

We value all of the support from parents and staff who volunteer their precious time to help at or come to events thank you for this. Special thanks goes to Joan Bell who has continued to organise the school uniform orders, thank you to her. Sue Bridgens

organises the Yellow moon catalogue, thank you for still doing this. Andy Cole has helped us by putting PTA events on the website, thank you for doing so. Joanne Gray has very generously donated all the PTA paper , this is such a help in keeping running costs down , thank you to her for this. All of the posters advertising events are created by Julie Woodhouse, she has made them look so professional, thank you to her also.

We would also like to thank Mrs Houghton for her continued support. Thanks also goes to Mr Bailey and Mr Paton for always helping also to Kathy Green and Alison Newbould for being so helpful dealing with the extra work that the PTA creates for them.

The PTA has made donations to the carrot club and will be paying for the costs to improve drainage on the bank in the top yard. We have donated £1400 (£200 for each class) in order to reduce the costs of school trips. We have also bought a new urn. We hope to have continued success over the next year and look forward to future fund raising events.