

## **Trinity School PTA AGM**

### **Chairpersons report by Rachel Blake, Vice Chair**

At the end of my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as PTA vice chair, I look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved. As you will all be aware, Lynne and I would like to resign from the posts of Chair and Vice Chair at this AGM.

As the Treasurer's report will detail, we have raised £4975.17 during the 6 events, the sales of milkshakes/cookies and other funding outlined in the report.

In terms of members, we were undoubtedly short of key roles, with the resignation of the Treasurer in May 2015 and the absence of a secretary. In addition there was a small group of parents who could not make our meetings but would help out when needed. To try to increase attendance at meetings, the timings and venues varied between breakfast meetings, 2.30pm and evening meetings.

The big parent/teacher fundraisers this year were the race night and Burns night but the children's activities including the Prep disco, senior disco at Enigma nightclub, and Prep movie night, all raised a profit.

In addition, the PTA has raised funds for the School charities, Little Bridge Hospice and the RNLI, by expanding the 50p Friday to include a Christmas mulled wine and mince pie event. They also donated one week's ice cream profits to Children in need.

This year the main focus of fundraising by the PTA was our wonderful new play equipment. This cost a total of £11,000, of which the PTA funded £9,000 and the School contributed £2,000. They have certainly brightened up the Prep playing field. Now that this large fundraising project has been completed, a new large project or smaller projects can be considered.

During our time leading the PTA, we have introduced the 50p Friday, which has proved very popular with children. During the colder months cookies and milkshakes were sold, and in the warmer months ice-lollies. It is hoped these will be recommended at Easter. One option could be for a year group/teacher to take responsibility for baking cakes and selling them, with the profits from sales, being spent on the relevant class, ie to purchase something to benefit the class but this will be a decision of the new PTA.

On 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Trinity School PTA successfully registered for Charitable status. Although this has not been utilised to its full potential, there are plenty of opportunities for the new PTA to take this forward, such as match funding at events.

Another successful achievement has been the registering for easyfundraising. In such a small amount of time, we have raised £893.21.

Regarding communication with parents/teachers we have created a PTA facebook page, and this has been regularly updated. In addition we introduced a PTA area on the Trinity School website, which is regularly updated, with events and minutes of meetings.

One of the strengths of the PTA is that it has been quite informal - a small group of people getting together to support the school. However I recognise that this informality meant that it was sometimes difficult for teaching staff to have an active input. In addition, with the lack of Treasurer and Secretary meant it was hard work for a small number of committee members. It has been difficult to engage with senior parents and there has been no representation from Trinity nursery staff at meetings or events. The attendance of a prep teacher at meetings has been well received, and I would recommend that the new PTA should request a nominated senior teacher and nursery staff member at future meetings, so that they can actively engage colleagues, parents etc.

Our events would not have been the same without the help of Steve Rowe and his team in the catering department, so a big thank you to them.

Carol, in the Prep office has been a fantastic support throughout the 2 years.

Alan Webber also deserves a mention for all the superb artwork, which he organises with the children, for our events.

Finally, I would like to finish the Chair's report by thanking everyone for attending tonight and wishing the new PTA even greater success in the future.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

In the absence of a treasurer following Marcelle Hamilton's resignation on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015, I will outline the accounts.

The overall fundraising projects this year has generated profits of £4975.17

Race night at Lady's Mile was a highlight of the year raising £1630.92. 104 people attended paying £10 per head, which included supper. Our thanks to Paul & Nova Jeffery for allowing us to use Lady's Mile.

50p Friday has been well supported and enjoyed by the prep children, raising £434.37.

After funding the prep play equipment, the PTA ends the year with a bank balance of £2606.85

**TRINITY SCHOOL PTA – END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS**  
**Income and Expenditure for the year ended 28.02.2016**

Income from events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Net £</b>
Summer swim BBQ	£830.87	£299.14	£531.73
Race night	£2509.90	£878.98	£1630.92
Prep disco	£327.50	£40	£287.50
Senior disco	£515	£395	£120
Prep movie night	£285	£54.75	£230.25
Burns night	£1858.25	£989	£869.25
Ice creams/milkshakes Spring - £144.75, Summer - £130.62 Autumn - £159	£669.61	£235.90	£434.37
<b>Other</b>			
Easy fundraising	£486.15		
Stoodley Knowle	£385		
<b>Total Income</b>	£4975.17		
<b>Total Expenditure</b> (play equip)	£9,000		
Current account	£2606.85		

In addition, the PTA donated £57.50 to the RNLI & Little Bridge Hospice and approximately £50 to Children in need from two 50p Friday events.

