

PTA Chair's report 2018

It's been another great year for Riverview Infant School and our PTA and that's down to everyone who has given their time and ideas to help support the many fundraising events that have been held over the last academic year. Thank you to Mrs Caulfield, Miss Garrard, the office staff, teachers and caretaker for all of your help and support during the year, in the lead up to and during our many events.

With a school of over 300 children the PTA has a small working group, bearing this in mind the work that goes into the many events and projects that we undertake is outstanding. All that we hope for is to gain as many new parents to help us along the way and become part of the Riverview School community. Team work, creativity, talent and above all enthusiasm keeps our PTA going to raise the extra funds for the school and for all the children to reap the benefits. Parents, staff and children have come together and worked hard in their free time to make the events that have taken place the best that they can be. So thank you to each and every one of you.

We have run various different fundraising events throughout the year including Christmas and Summer Fairs, Breakfast with Santa, Mother's and Father's Day sales and a sponsored "Royal Fun and Games a thon", we also collected blue bags of second-hand clothes and sold children's own art work made into cards, bags, mugs and t-towels.

In return we have given out Easter eggs and books and the money raised has enabled the school to buy new Art Trolleys for each Reception classroom and a subscription to a Maths learning resource for teachers. As a PTA we have spent some of our funds to replace old items such as a new tea urn as it certainly gets a lot of use!

We are always open to new ideas so any suggestions are very welcome. This will keep the work of the PTA fresh and interesting for ourselves and the children. Our community focus has also seen us continue with the MacMillan Charity Cake sale. Hopefully this will bring more interest from parents in helping with the PTA throughout the year.

The PTA always needs new active members to keep ideas fresh and also to replenish the team as we all move on at some point when our children move schools. This year has seen a number of established PTA members move on to the Junior school so we are now looking to take on the challenging role of continuing previous successes and ensuring that Riverview Infant School gains as much from this year's events as it has done before.

This year has welcomed new faces onto the PTA who have proved a valuable addition. The decision to speak about the PTA during last summer's new

parent meetings proved a huge success with lots of contacts being made for occasional helpers and a healthy turnout to the new parent welcome meetings last week. The future of the PTA relies on new parents coming through and my time at the school will be over before I know it so it will be good to introduce new enthusiastic members now in order to pass on and continue the success of the amazing PTA we have here.

Once again thank you to everyone who made last year a great year and lets make this year even better.

Lisa Dobson

Chairman 2018/2019