

RIVERVIEW INFANT SCHOOL - PTA AGM

Headteacher's Report - 2017-18

On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the PTA for their dedication and hard work again this year. The importance of the work that the PTA do cannot really be measured and the contribution that they make to the school, your time and commitment is invaluable to our school community.

You will have heard on the news that school budgets have seen no increase for a considerable time; in-fact in an unprecedented move a large number of Headteachers are due to march on parliament on Friday to protest over their concerns regarding the continuing increase in expectations on what schools will provide and the pressure this puts on over-stretched budgets

Last year, with your support, we have been fortunate to be able to afford to complete a number of projects (highlighted by the PTA report), as well as ensuring that the school continues to update its resources, however we are now at a point where the current budget is squeezed so tight, we have been forced to make cuts in staffing and in resources.

It is in these times of hardship (sadly set to get worse) that the work of the PTA and the additional funds they provide become even more important to us.

As I say every year having such a dedicated team of volunteers brings something special and unique that benefits the adults as well as the children in this school. When I talk to other Headteachers, and when staff start with us from other schools they are amazed at how proactive and involved our PTA are and how much of a financial contribution they make.

As a member of our PTA I'm sure there must be a huge sense of achievement, satisfaction and team spirit for you all, from the ever resourceful committee members to the helpers on the day.

Your children certainly hold a great sense of pride that their parents are members of the PTA, as well as the enjoyment of seeing you in school more regularly than some of the other children.

From the school perspective this year has seen a number of very successful and enjoyable events.

These are just a few highlights:

- Breakfast with Santa is such a popular event.
- Both the Fayres were amazing and extremely well attended, the weather certainly helped the Summer Fayre takings and it was great to have the ponies at the Xmas Fayre in their Santa hats!
- The Father's Day sale as well as a Mother's Day sale proved very popular again with children;

I know I haven't included everything As you do such a lot for us.

It goes without saying that the children benefit greatly from the much appreciated additional funds.

We are always grateful for contributions from the PTA that strengthen provision within the school for all the children and enable us to purchase resources that we can no longer afford to buy from the main school budget. This year we have been delighted to receive everything you have been able to provide; The Art Trolleys in FS have proven to be a particular hit with teachers and children.

On behalf of the teachers I would like to pass on our thanks for the £125 class budgets and additional money donated to support Eco and Healthy Schools initiatives.

So thank you again for yet another amazing year; for giving up your time so willingly to make Riverview such a special school; for contributing so **positively** to our community and for your **dedication and hard work** organising; setting up and dismantling all of the events we have enjoyed over the past year.

We look forward to the exciting events for this coming year