

Micklem Primary School PTA

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I was elected as co-chair at last year's AGM. The object of the PTA is to advance the education of the pupils at the school by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities at the school not normally provided by the local education authority.

We currently have several committee members who are automatically trustees, myself, Sarah Varney, Jo Moriarty and Kim Pynaert. We have been closely supported by Samantha Tracey, Susan Gibson, Sarah Samuels, amongst others.

We are a registered charity and as such, all trustees have a legal responsibility to act in our charities best interests, manage our resources responsibly and act within reasonable care and skill. Our constitution sets out the rules for how we run the charity.

I would like to start by saying, Wow, what a year! After the last couple of years of not being able to do a lot of fundraising we have returned as a new committee with a bang. It's been a challenge and a lot of work, but we have thoroughly enjoyed arranging events for the children, parents, carers and community to enjoy.

I'm honoured to have been co-chair of the PTA this year and I'm so grateful for the team on the PTA who have helped in one way or another.

We're extremely proud of what we have achieved this year and the calendar of events we've provided, taking away our expenditure, this year we have raised a total profit of £6819.49. We have managed to raise a huge amount compared to recent years and this has and will allow us to make some changes to the school as we have been fundraising towards having a new bike and scooter park for which we are well on our way towards getting. This is a big project and will hugely improve and impact on three separate areas of the school. With the help and generosity of volunteers, we have revamped our reception playground, by giving it a good tidy up, painting all of the boundary fencing, having a new sandpit, stage and impressive mud kitchen.

In amongst our events, we have been lucky enough to hold a Christmas and (despite the torrential rain on the day) a Summer fayre this year and these two events alone have raised just under £2600. They were both a huge success with lots of families supporting us by either helping or attending. Our discos were also a particular success, with these raising over £1900 over the course of the year.

Sadly this year was the last year for Chrissie Lamb, however we hope that she will make a return when her youngest child hopefully joins Micklem School. Claire Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Susan Gibson, Samantha Tracey and Sarah Samuels have stepped down as committee members, but they have promised to continue to help out where she can. Thank you all for your support this year.

Huge thanks goes to Samantha and Susan who initiated, ran and organised our reception garden revamp, to our parents who donated the materials for our new equipment for the reception garden and for building the sandpit, stage and mud kitchen.

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Thank you to Jo.M for going above and beyond her role as treasurer by creating all of our advertising, to Allison Potts for spending hours making hampers and folding raffle tickets and to Jade Clarke for suggesting and organising our personalised tea-towels. Last but not least, thank you to everyone else who has helped and supported us for the past year in one way or another.

If parents / carers want to lend a hand, we are always grateful for the help, you don't have to be a committee member to offer your time or skills and it doesn't have to take up too much of your time.

We're looking forward to another year of fundraising and fun this academic year, please see the calendar of events that we have scheduled so far.

Kind regards

Susan
