

Horspath School PTA chair's Report 18th September 2018

I want to start this report by saying a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA and to all the parents, carers, pupils, staff and supporters who rallied together to help us achieve our challenges last year.

What started out as a relatively normal year of supporting school trips, in-school workshops and equipment later turned into a very frantic one, with the additional need to help fund the new play area.

From our normal annual target of £4,500 we suddenly needed to raise an extra £3,000. Everyone rose to the challenge and continued to support our cake sales, Christmas fayre and themed activities, summer fete and afternoon teas. The children got creative for the Halloween and Easter craft events, gave it their all during the sponsored events and had a ball at the school disco. With everyone's support we did manage to achieve our fundraising goals. We also benefited from a successful application to the Stone Pit Trust for £4,500, which provided an extra boost to the total cost of the play area and the building of the new play area is almost complete.

None of these events would go so smoothly without the valued support of the PTA, who give up their time throughout the year, either working away behind the scenes or running activities and events.

Being involved in PTA is rewarding and sociable experience, but we constantly need new volunteers to come forward and offer a warm welcome to anyone willing to join us

I joined seven years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed being involved, During the more recent years as chair, I have had the privileged to work along side so many dedicated people, but I have come to the decision to step down as chair and to pass the baton on to another volunteer.

I hope you will all offer my successor the same amount of support and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Thank you again to everyone of you and here's to another successful year ahead.

Michelle
Chair of Horspath School PTA