



January 2019

## Your PTA Committee

The PTA is run by volunteer parents, carers, teachers and others for the benefit of all children who attend our school.

Recently a new committee has been voted in. Please welcome as your new Chair – Sarah Woodward, Secretary – Louise Fern and joint Treasurers Jo Lloyd and Vicky Wainwright.

Whilst there is a committee that co-ordinate the fundraising activities throughout the year, it is largely only successful due to the support of parents and carers who offer their time to help organise and attend our activities. We'd like to thank all those who have helped in the past and to say we really do appreciate your continued support.

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## What Does the PTA Fund?

Using a 'Wish List' system Teachers from Foundation through to Year 6 request items they feel are required to enhance the children's learning that would ordinarily be excluded from the schools budgets.

Recent purchases include £215.00 for new Christmas tree lights, a contribution of £210.00 towards class Christmas parties and £150.00 donation to a pupil towards his 'Plymouth Schoolboy Activities'. We have recently just voted and accepted a total spend of just over £3000 to purchase items for **YOUR** children's benefit to include the below:

- Sandpit and cover (£210.00)
- Art Supplies (£500.00)
- Reading Books (£142.92)
- Shelving (£40.00)
- Dictionaries and Thesauri (£234.00)
- Digital camera (£79.00)

In addition to the above the PTA also fund various items throughout the year such as transport to events, book vouchers, Christmas presents and crackers to name but a few. This all costs money, so the more successful our PTA events are, the more money can be invested into our children's learning and experiences whilst at Goosewell Academy.

We attach below a Full Treasurers Report detailing the monies raised and spent during the year September 2017 to September 2018.

Please Contact us on [pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk)

## Upcoming Events

### PTA Meeting – Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Held at the Plymstock Inn from 6.30pm, all are welcome to join us and share any ideas you may have

### Family Bingo Night – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

A fun filled evening for the whole family, further details will follow shortly.

### Disco – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Further details will follow

### Happys Circus/Big'n'Bouncy – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

This ever so popular event is coming back to Goosewell!



## Happys Circus/Big'n'Bouncy

Following the success of our previous Circus event we will be organising for the return on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Tickets will be available to purchase early 2019. As before you will be able to enjoy the other attractions which are normally at our summer event such as bouncy castles, BBQ, refreshments, stalls etc. Circus ticket holders gain free entry to the field whilst everyone else will be charged 50p as normal (under 12's free).

The circus will go ahead irrespective of poor weather with other attractions being weather dependent. We would encourage you to buy your tickets early as they are likely to sell fast and this will be a 1 date only event!

## Donation Requests

We would be very grateful to receive donations of any unwanted Christmas chocolates, Christmas wrapping paper and gifts for raffle prizes. Please hand into Reception Thank you!

## GOOSEWELL ACADEMY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

### TREASURER'S REPORT 2017-2018

Firstly, a big Thank you for the generosity of the parents who contribute to PTA events by giving their time, donations and money helping to enhance the facilities for the children at Goosewell Academy.

It always makes sense to spend the hard earned money that we raise as money sitting in a bank account is of no benefit to the school and our children. So here's a breakdown of how it was spent:

Our biggest purchases this year were items on the Wish list. This is a list of items/products that teachers require to enhance the facilities at Goosewell Academy:

Large paper strimmer for Resources Room	Petrol Leaf Blower
Numicon sets x2 KS1	Outdoor clearing trolley/broom & shovel
Camera for SEN	Theatre visit bus tickets
UKS2 SEN puzzles	Year 1 outdoor area
Toy cars/mat SEN	Wedge board for 1KW
Postcards/stamps	iPad FS
Waterproofs/wellies x8 FS	iPad SEN
Sound Recorders for Y4	Lord Mayor's Carol Concert transport
Christmas Party items £30 x6 FC, FS gifts	Art Resources
Junior Ten Tors x10 waterproof bags, x10 compasses and x2 sets of stop watches	
Big books for Y1 Funny Bones x3, Jolly Postman x3	

Mr Daniels requested a leaf blower but, quite rightly, decided it was more important to use the money to get the new electrical equipment PAT tested.

A shed was requested after the Wish List had been agreed. The PTA was happy that it was beneficial and a further amount of £213.33 was agreed to purchase it.

To date £3,727.33 has been contributed by the PTA to purchase the items on the Wish list.

Here are just a few extra things that have been purchased:

The Christmas tree required a new set of lights which cost £200.00 and Santa wouldn't look his best without a new suit £70.00.

Year 5, were in need of 15 new Thesauri which were purchased at a cost of £101.91.

Okay, so that was how some of the money was spent, time to look at how the money was raised.

## **INCOME – (Profit after expenditure on refreshments, prizes and general wear and tear)**

Our summer fair the 'Big 'n Bouncy' is always well attended and the school's biggest fundraising event. This year we raised £1,419.77.

The children love the school disco's raising £656.24.

We only had one Bingo night this year, it is always a fun night and raised £229.15.

A new idea was the Fashion Show which was a big hit with the children. They loved dressing up in the clothes and being on the catwalk. There were definitely some little stars up there! This event was organised by Debbie Brook and raised a total of £150.00.

The Christmas Tree Lighting was well attended and the selling of mince pies, mulled wine and other refreshments gave us an income of £155.40.

Our next big event is the Christmas Fayre which raised a total of £1,482.26.

May Day Dance refreshments raised £85.90.

KS1 & KS3 Sports Day raised £70.00 by selling refreshments including ice cream on what were very hot, sunny afternoons.

## **LOSS**

No Christmas tree would look good with a set of lights missing off the top (due to growth), so Mr Daniels requested a set of lights be bought at a cost of £200.00.

We tried something new this year, calendars where each child in the school drew a portrait of themselves which was printed on the calendar in the month they were born. Unfortunately, this fundraiser wasn't as successful as was hoped it would be and neither were the Spree books which contain discounted vouchers to be used online, in restaurants, theme parks, shops to name a few. It's always worth trying something new to raise funds!

Another great fundraising idea was the Ladies Fashion Show which was due to take place in July. However, due to poor ticket sales the event had to be cancelled. I would like to thank Sarah Woodward for her sterling efforts trying to get this one off the ground!

Looking forward, the PTA ends the year with a bank balance of **£7,093.59** so plenty of funds for the school to start compiling their Wish List for 2018-2019. However, now the school has become an academy and funding allocated to the school has decreased, I think it's fair to say that the fundraising efforts need to continue now more than ever. The above information is just a snapshot of why the PTA is needed; there is no longer a school budget to pay for these items. Without PTA members

there wouldn't be any disco's, no Christmas Fayre or the most popular event, the Big n Bouncy. The children love these events and it would be sad to see them end. The PTA are always looking for volunteers to help with the organisation of events, (an hour or two of your spare time would be fabulous.) We'd love parents/guardians to attend meetings and put forward any fundraising ideas that come to mind, everyone is welcome. We hope to see you at the next meeting on **Wednesday 14 November 2018, 6.30pm, Plymstock Inn.**

Thank you once again.

Shari Farrar  
PTA Treasurer