

## CHAIR'S REPORT – 2015/2016

I would personally like to say to everyone involved in raising money for The Pochin School, well done and Thank You very much for your continued support in raising hard earned money to enhance the school life of our children.

I believe it is evident that last year was a very productive and busy year for the PTA which has resulted in it's great success.

Over the past year the PTA have had some very positive feedback/comments from parents/governors/teachers in our mission to be a successful PTA for the school raising valuable funds and that I think we can say we have achieved that.

An amazing **£10,866** has been raised, which for a small village primary school is an enormous amount of money.

The two key fundraising events for the PTA:-

Autumn Fair (£4992 – 2015, versus £4716 in 2014)

Spring Coffee (£1578 in March 2015, versus £1465 - March 2014)

And so both achieving and improving on already fantastic results – and that is down to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the PTA (and that's not just the committee), but to all those parents and individuals who have worked with the committee to "make it happen".

2015/2016 saw the PTA continue to pursue other events

Sport's Day - £623

Shopping Afternoon - £249

Disco's - 3 of them totally £1078

Mad March Hair - £105

Recycling Clothes £170.

That's not all of it but I think we all agree events well worth doing and organising, with our learnings and insights into doing even better next time.

So what about what the PTA have spent the funds on?, to name a few:-



- Variety of Authors who came into school to talk and illustrate to the Children which I believe was an invaluable experience for all our children
  - Money for new school books – a huge investment into reading material for our children.
  - Poetry Workshop
  - Interactive Animal Demonstration
  - New playground equipment as they children enjoy their playtime
  - Christmas Entertainers
  - Selection Boxes and Easter Eggs for all the children
  - Climbing Wall now for all children to experience
- These are just a few to share, but many more we fund.

As a PTA we continuously ask for parent feedback on how people wish to see the funds spent, and we will continue to do this as we have taken offered initiatives seriously this year.

So as a chairperson I would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for all the hard work and dedicated work and efforts shown by all in helping to lighten the load of all the behind the scenes work.

I hope that the PTA keeps going from strength to strength and has many new faces with new ideas who will come forward to help with all the fundraising activities. After all we are all doing this for the benefit of our very own children.

Once again Thank You and Well done.

Regards

Carla Atkins

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