

## **Elson Infants Fundraising Friends**

### **Chair Report 2017-2018**

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone who has been on the committee this year for their hard work and dedication. Without the team we have, we wouldn't have achieved what we have this year. Also I'd like to thank the head teachers for their ongoing support, teachers who have helped out at our events this year, and all our parent helpers who have run a stall or helped at the discos. Of course we couldn't raise any money without parents coming along to our events, and allowing their children to take part in activities.

In the last year we have organised two very successful fayres, with an amazing winter wonderland and grotto at our Christmas Fayre, and our first themed summer Fayre, with a pirates and mermaids theme. They were both lots of fun to organise. As well as our other usual events - Mother's and Father's Day shops which received great feedback, three discos, and the year 2 leavers party (which we had to adapt due to not being able to hire inflatables) – we also held our first ever Easter Egg Trail. It took lots of preparation by us and local groups and companies, but thanks to that and some dry weather, it was a great success! We had lots of great feedback, and everyone is looking forward to next year's! We have also set up a Facebook page this year to make more use of social media in our event advertising. Our committee members went from 10 in 2016-2017 to 14/15 in the last year. We also have a few new parents interested in joining us this year.

In the last year we have helped to pay for the new hall floor, and the rest of the money we raised is waiting to be spent towards the library redevelopment.

This academic year we have already had 5 coffee mornings, including our first joint Macmillan coffee morning with the church. We have all our usual events already in the school diary, as well as our first Happy School Bag clothes collection very soon. We are also considering setting up Easyfundraising for parents to sign up to online – which will hopefully raise some funds with little effort required, allowing us to concentrate on events.

We really hope to top last year's fundraising totals, with more donations from local companies, and more advertising of our events, especially online.

Finally, on behalf of the rest of the PTA, I would like to thank Aimee Skittlethorpe for her contribution last year, after joining us when her daughter joined year 2. Also Sian Witts, who left us during the year, after a year and a half on the PTA – her legacy being an amazing Santa's Grotto and Winter Wonderland. And last, but not least, we say goodbye to Lydia Maher, after 3 years on the PTA, who has been instrumental in getting the PTA to its current number. She brought us all together, had a fabulous year as chair, but is now moving on to the junior school PTA. She will be greatly missed.

This will be my last year as chair (assuming I get voted in again!), as my youngest child will be moving up to Juniors in September. So I'm giving you plenty of notice to think about who will be the chair next academic year!

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