

ANNUAL REPORT – DEIGHTON GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2018 TO JULY 2019

Deighton Gates Primary School PTA has enjoyed another successful year holding a variety of events providing an opportunity for the children and parents of Deighton Gates Primary School to have fun and grow as a community together, while raising funds for our school.

Making it all happen

This could not have been achieved without the dedication and planning of the PTA committee, events teams and significant support from the wider group of parents, school staff, children and our local community. This includes our corporate sponsors, who have contributed generous donations for our main fundraising events.

The PTA committee members this year were Helen Swales continuing her role as Chair along with Jen Johnson as treasurer, and Katie Horridge and Steve Irwin taking on the role as joint Secretary. This year also welcomed Krissie Bamforth taking the lead on social media ensuring the PTA Facebook page provides informative and fun updates. In addition to the committee the PTA had individual fundraising event teams all supported by teacher, governor and class representatives.

Events in the year

This year saw the return of many of the traditional events including the main events of the PTA calendar, the Christmas and Summer fairs and termly school discos.

The Disco team (Fee and Andy Hudson) have delivered 3 fantastic discos this year with the introduction of 2 themed discos for Halloween (in October) and Beach party (in June). The children and parents entered into the spirit of the themes with some fantastic fancy-dress efforts. These were also assisted by some great balloon decorations provided by Party Streamer.

In the Easter term we held a pamper evening at Kirk Deighton Village Hall where many parents came along and enjoyed a massage or gel nails, enjoying a drink at the bar and eating sushi while raising a fabulous amount for the school. We would like to thank Amy Kerr for all her hard work in delivering and making this event a success.

The PTA event calendar would not be completed without the school fairs and this year has seen the continued hard work of Helen Swales and Helen Wills leading to deliver 2 amazing events. The Christmas fair saw a group of reception parents take the lead in decorating Santa's Grotto. The Summer fair was thunderstorm free this year, so the BBQ and bar continued to supply a good time all afternoon! Thank you to everyone however big or small your involvement in these events in helping make them a success.

Other fundraising

We continue to raise additional funds from other activities. This include the Christmas cards with the support of the teaching staff and organised by Chrisi Leslie. Bake sales were held afterschool led by each year group with Reception and Year 6 providing the last of the diet busting treats for the school sports day where the PTA will be providing refreshments.

Other funds continue to be raised for the school from the rag bin, my name tags and easyfundraising.co.uk. We have also been one of the co-op local charities during the year and we've recently signed up to the Hopscotch scheme, where the PTA will receive a donation from each pair of school shoes bought.

Other activities

We continued with other activities in the year including the "PTA meet and greet" combined with the phonics evening for the new reception class where we welcomed the new parents and carers as part of the PTA and to encourage them to become active members of the PTA. We have recently attended the new starters evening for the reception 2019/20 starters, providing refreshments and providing information to the new parents on the activities of the PTA.

Where the money is spent

The PTA plays an important role within the school allowing parents and teaching staff to work together and putting on some great events for the children. As part of this the funds that are raised go towards valuable additional resources for the school at a time when funding is being cut.

The start of the school year saw the spending of the prior year's fund raising with the installation of the defibrillator outside the school office. This is not only a great asset to the school but also to the wider community. Over the summer holiday the all-weather running track was also installed, and this continues to be used by the children on a daily basis helping encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

We have also funded the refurbishment of the outside classroom on the side of the KS1 playground and the Bee-bots (robots designed for younger children to learn about sequencing, estimation and problem solving). Recent funds raised are to contribute to updating the schools iPad resource so that the children can access and learn from the latest apps that are no longer supported by the older iPads the school has.

Finally, a massive Thank You

Thank you to all the members of the PTA, Governors, parents, carers, friends of the school and staff who contributed to all the events during the year. Without everyone's involvement we would not have been able to achieve so much. The monies raised and spent allow the PTA to play a vital role in supporting the school in a variety of ways.

Massive thanks from all members of the PTA go to Helen Swales who is stepping down from the role of Chair after 3 years. We all know Helen has put her heart, endless energy and dedication into the role and leaves behind a strong PTA to continue into future years.

A final thankyou to our sponsors over the year detailed in the appendix.

Appendix

Summary of amounts raised this year	£	How have we spent the money	£
Christmas fair	4,114	Running track	6,795
Summer fair	3,683	Defibrillator	1,359
Discos	1,654	Bee Bots	1,489
Pamper night	523	Outside classroom refurbishment	409
Bake sales	385	Adventure photography year 6 leavers	375
Christmas cards	351	book	
Local council grant (towards defib)	250		
Rag bin	116		
Easy Fundraising	94		
My name tags	42		
Total	11,212	Total	10,427

Thank you to our sponsors over the year:

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