

Cleves PTA 2014/15 Treasurers report

Fundraising

2014/15 has been another successful year for the PTA in terms of fundraising with £27,004.44 (compared to £28,596 in the previous year) raised from fundraising. This is despite the fact that two events (the ball and quiz) did not run in the current year.

Half of this came from the fireworks event where profits increased to £14.7k. Other events across the year included the shopping evening (£0.9k), School discos (£2.9k), the Christmas fair (£3.4k), the fete in the field (£4.2k), and the summer sundowner (£0.3k).

We have increased the levels of regular giving from parents following the commencement of our gift aid scheme with an increase in donations of 50% to £904 for the year. The gift aid on this is currently being processed with HMRC and will be accounted for once it is confirmed. Regular giving now amounts to £1,232 per annum and therefore there will be a further uplift in next years figures.

Spending

Spending for the year is slightly ahead of previous years – we have continued to support parents events and widened this year to provide refreshments at all information evenings rather than just year 3. In addition we have made some capital purchases this year – a BBQ, a tombola and repaired our marquee to ensure costs for future events are kept low. Other expenditure includes the annual leavers disco, insurance, thank you gifts for staff members and the cost of the audit of the accounts.

Purchases

At the start of the year the PTA had brought forward funds of £33,201.20. In addition the school refunded £15,000 of money transferred to them for building work the previous year to be allocated to new projects. In the year we have spent £52,467 of funds as follows:

- As agreed in 2014 we purchased a trim trail for the playground which was in place from October 2015 at a cost of £29,480.
- We have purchased other playground equipment including table tennis tables, football dividers, a basketball hoop, large games such as connect 4 and table top games to a cost of £6,939.
- We contributed £10,000 to the cost of replacing the fencing and widening the access to the main entrance in November to provide a secure and safe environment for our children.
- We have purchased musical instrument (ukeles, steel pans and drums) and associated music to enable all children in the school to have access to a musical instrument as part of the school's provision at a cost of £3,841.
- We have purchased horseshoe tables for each year group's to assist small group learning sessions at a cost of £2,000
- And finally we provide £206 of additional books for the year 6 section of the library.

We have been greatly assisted this year by the arrival of a new business manager at Cleves which has meant we have started to use the schools online payment system for events and have had greater communication over the agreement and invoicing of amounts between us and the school.

At recent PTA meetings we have also committed to spend £3,500 on cricket nets, £1,000 on kindles and content for the school's use and continue to have funds of £2,400 available for the playground and year 6 books. Taking this into account and the reserve we hold to ensure we can fund the costs of events we run of £10k, we have £5k which can be applied immediately to the school.