

Report on the PTA accounts for the year ended 31st August 2013

The PTA raises much needed money to enhance the school's environment and provide educational materials for our children. We aim to raise this money in ways which are fun and draw the community together!

Overall we've had a very successful fundraising year. There have been large events such as the Discos, Try-a-tri, Pool Club and Christmas/Summer Fayres which have raised thousands of pounds. There have also been smaller fundraising events such as the quiz night and individuals have raised money e.g. by running marathons. There is ongoing fundraising through the sale of second hand uniform and the Easyfundraising website.

Once again Cake Sales have been popular. Last year each class raised over £100 and the money was made available to the class teachers to be spent. This is shown as restricted income and expenditure in the accounts.

This year has seen the introduction of online giving using BT MyDonate which was used for Chris Rock's Fundraising, the Try-a-tri and for Swimming Lesson donations. This form of giving allows gift aid to be claimed much faster and also lessens the administrative burdens on the PTA.

As well as the hard work of parents and children we have also benefitted from Corporate Sponsorship from Whiteknights Estate Agents, British Triathlon and Martin & Pole. Vodafone have also match funded £1400 as 4 of their employees volunteered at the Summer Fayre. Unfortunately they appear to have paid this twice and thus the income and surplus for the year is inflated by £1400.

We ended the year with £24,000 in the bank to be spent on our children's education. However once this is spent, it is gone! The challenge is therefore to replace this and raise even more this year. Everyone can play their part – either by regular assistance or by one-off assistance. All ideas are welcome – either to improve regular fundraising events or to try new ones.