

St Vincent's RC Primary School PTA
PTA Annual Report – School year 2014/15

St Vincent's PTA feel that we were able to have a very positive impact on school life for the 2014/15 academic year which has resulted in funding for various projects, and provision of events which encouraged social interaction between parents, school staff and children. As such, the main aims of the PTA have been achieved, these being:

1. To provide financial support to the school and therefore provide further facilities to the children to broaden their 'learning' experience
2. To provide the children with other activities to enable them to get enjoyment whilst socialising outside normal school hours.
3. To give parents & teachers the vehicle to enhance the children's enjoyment of being associated with the school.

The PTA started the year with a balance in the bank of £9402.

Fundraising throughout the year has benefitted by the regular income activity of the Lottery Bonus Ball Draw which raised £581. At present the bonus ball draw still has 14 vacant numbers and so we are hoping to fill these with the new intake for 2015/6 to maximise income.

We had another very successful Christmas fair which raised £3041 but unfortunately the summer fair was rained off which meant we made a loss on this event of £345 as we had to buy meat and bar and sweets stock and pay for the bouncy castle etc. The loss was minimised by the school kindly running the chocolate tombola for us on a separate occasion and raising £554. The bar and sweets stock has been held and will be used at the KS1 disco and Christmas Fair.

In March, we held our usual Race Night which allowed parents & teachers to relax and socialise. This was our most successful ever, making a profit of £1393 and good fun was had by all.

The PTA continues to be extremely stretched at these events and always welcomes whatever support can be given. With more volunteers even more activities can be planned. However, we are delighted to have managed to raise over £5400 throughout the year.

Furthermore, the PTA has been able to provide enjoyment and provisions for the children and those associated with the school with an active programme, as follows:

1. In October the KS1 disco had over 100 children there. We provided a bar for the parents who stayed to socialise, and boosted the funds by realising a profit on the evening of £255.
2. In March we held a KS2 disco, again well attended and enjoyed by children and parents - this time raising £487.
3. We have provided funds to enable the school to provide many additional features in the school from which the children benefit, these include:
 - a. External lighting around the school to improve safety for our children (£3120)
 - b. A greenhouse for the Eco Team (£674)
 - c. A beautiful mosaic for the Prayer Garden (£1200)
 - d. Fixed basketball bases with safety pads in the school yard (£1920)
 - e. Marking out new basketball courts in the school yard (£450)
4. As always we provided the year 6 pupils with a wonderful send off, this year providing a leavers fun day with various activities including their very own BBQ for lunch. We also purchased for them all, a specially designed 2015 school leaver's shirt.

The cost of funding these projects was in the region of £8300.

Throughout the year the PTA had an income of £11486 and an expenditure of £15299. We took a decision to spend some of the prior years' surpluses and we were able to provide funds for some expensive projects. With the above activity and provision, we end the year with a balance of £5589 and therefore look forward to providing more for the school and children in the next year.

This has been another tremendous year for the PTA although we do struggle at times with few parents getting fully involved with the running of the association and will look at ways to attract more to attend the meetings. More importantly, we always require volunteers to help out at the functions that are organised.

St Vincent's RC Primary School PTA

So please - come along, support us, and help us make it happen! Meeting details are always on the school web site.

Debbie Mather, PTA Treasurer
4/10/15