

## Julian's PTFA 2017/2018 Co-Chairs Annual Review

At the AGM in October 2017 an entirely new committee was voted in by the PTFA. It wasn't the easiest of starts but with the help of the old committee members, the school and a great new team, the year proved very successful in terms of fundraising events and spending. Together we raised over £12,500!

### **Fundraising Events 2017/2018:**

- There were some fantastic cakes at the hugely popular Halloween, Valentines and Easter bake sales with huge thanks to those who bought, baked and/or manned a stall over the year.
- Festive Friday (the mini Christmas Fair) was held at both sites and was an hour of festive fun with a teddy bear tombola, silent auction, popcorn, cakes, glitter tattoos, hot chocolate, raffle and ever so popular, tree of life bags!
- The School Discos were great fun for all the children who attended and the introduction of Parentpay ultimately proved to be a popular and efficient way to manage payment. Feedback from some year 6 parents was that their children had outgrown the 'disco' in its current format and this will be taken into consideration when planning for this year.
- The Fish and chips quiz night for parents and staff proved as popular and competitive as ever. Thank you to Knights Hill Fish Bar for providing such amazing food!
- The Summer Fair was a huge success that in itself raised over £7,000. It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together from those who helped on the day with set-up, clear-up, manning a stall and donating food to those who worked in the run-up corralling volunteers and donating books, bears and bottles. It was an absolute scorcher or a day but in spite of that, it all came together really well and everyone appeared to have a good time judging by the many smiley (and slightly pink) faces.

Over the year, we have been very fortunate to have so many people and local businesses contribute their time, energy and services. Special thanks must go to Davina, Andy and Gwen at the school for their endless patience and guidance throughout the year and to Steven and the facilities team – Samir, Larry and Lucian without whom none of the events would be possible! Thanks also to the wider PTFA committee including Tim for all of his brilliantly eye-catching and creative poster designs, Helen and Michelle for managing the social media and Sally for pulling together all of the fantastic cake sales. Thanks also to Feast West Norwood for the use of their gazebos, Kelibo laundry who donated their services to wash all the clothes for our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stall at the Summer Fair, Bashir from Wear Abouts for donating the Leavers 2018 t-shirts, Volcano Coffee for donating their coffee every month for the 'open reading coffee mornings', Alex for supplying discounted wines and fizz for our Quiz 'n' Chip night, Pedder Estate Agents for sponsoring the Summer and Christmas raffles and all of the other local businesses and parents whom donated such wonderful prizes for our raffles.

## Spending

In Spring 2018 the PTFA Committee conducted a spending survey which had a good response with almost 300 people from the school community providing ideas and feedback. Of those who took part, an overwhelming majority stated that they wanted the money raised to be considered to be spent on playgrounds at both sites, sport, forest school/ outdoor learning, after school and lunch clubs, theatre, Special Educational Needs (SEN) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) and road safety around the school.

- Over the summer Thermoplastic line markings were put around the playgrounds at both sites with fun games for the children, as well as updating the ball court markings. The PTFA is also in the process of purchasing some additional playground equipment such as King Balls, folding basket ball nets, chalk and hula hoops. Enhancing the playgrounds at both sites will continue to be a priority as far as spending is concerned moving forward into this year.
- The PTFA will continue their annual commitment to support the School Football Team in the Lambeth League, and will provide their new kit for 2018/19 as well as discuss with the school other ways to help support sport that will benefit the majority of Julian's children.
- In June 2018 the PTFA paid for an educational visit from Wild Fangs to the nursery as well as funding the Year 6 Leavers outing to Go Ape and their Leavers books.

In addition we have committed funds to the following for this year:

- Bringing a Christmas pantomime to the whole school in November
- 2 x notice boards for both sites which will be used by the school, school council and PTFA to communicate messages to with wider community.
- 2 x Gazebos for the Reception playground at Streatham and West Norwood to provide additional shade in hot weather and also to help with the stalls at the Summer Fair and Festive Friday.
- The purchase a selection of Bilingual/ EAL books
- The purchase of a storage shed to house the ever-growing number of boxes containing all manner of PTFA paraphernalia.

As ever, the PTFA Committee is looking for people to join the team in a variety of different roles - we hope more people get involved so that we can further discuss investing PTFA funds to support further curriculum enriching and fun experiences for all of our children.

Thank you all for your support!

Tyrie and Pina - Julians School PTFA Co-Chairs