Long Crendon School PTA
Annual Report for Academic Year 2016-2017

Our PTA Officers

Chair	Simon Howard	Stood down July 2017
Vice Chair	Alison Stott	Stands for re-election
Treasurer	Sara Goddard	Stood down Sept 2017
Secretary	Jo Park	Stood down March 2017

The PTA Trustees

Fran Broadhead   Annie Pearson   Debbie Rodale   Sarah Hassan

The role of trustees is to ensure the PTA operates correctly. Trustees can be parents, staff, or members of the community. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a trustee.

The Purpose of the PTA

The Long Crendon School PTA exists to advance the education of the pupils in the school in three ways:
1) Developing relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
2) Engaging in activities that support the school and advance the education of its pupils.
3) Providing and helping with facilities for education at the school not normally provided by the funding the school receives.

This Year's Fundraising

Total income raised during the 2016-17 academic year was £33291.75. This is an impressive figure, and far exceeds our £20,000 target, and is twice the amount raised last year. As you can see from the figures, this was achieved through the dedication of our volunteers and sub-committees who put in great effort through the year in a series of successful events.

By far the most successful of our events to date was the Big Village Party, which was fundraising on an epic scale through a large community event held on the school field in May. The Big Village Party raised £15,000 for our school, an amazing result.

Our annual fireworks event continues to bring in a fantastic level of income for the school, and raised £5,951 last year. Our other big event of the first term was the Christmas Bazaar, raising £2,409. We were also pleased with the Fashion Show, which enjoys a great deal of support from the children at the school and raised £1,219. The Sponsored Cycle/Scoot raised £1,052.

Regular fundraising is worth celebrating here as well, with the cake sales raising nearly £1,000 over the year from five different events and another £300 from serving refreshments at our Nativity, Carol Concert and Easter assembly.

The PTA donated £6000 to the school, and has made several significant purchases for the school and its pupils (Table 2). This includes the purchase of maths books and equipment worth £3,766; maths and science software worth £1,367, and an investment of £1,435 in the outside area and pond.

Table 1: PTA Income (after costs)

Harvest Assembly	73.50
Masai Performance	429.14
Cake Sale (Oct)	236.82
Cake Sale (Feb)	186.41
Cake Sale (Mar)	174.17
Cake Sale (May)	190.25
Cake Sale (July)	162.45
Fireworks	5951.66
Calendars	681.00
Christmas Bazaar	2409.75
Christmas Disco	502.29
Fashion Show	1219.90
Refreshments (Nativity)	76.83
Refreshments (Carol Concert)	170.81
Refreshments (Easter Assembly)	60.12
Foundation Fundraising (Playhouse)	286.94
Easy Fundraising	401.98
UK Textiles Clothes Recycling	496.80
Gift Aid	1180.99
Film Night	388.10
Quiz Night	682.79
Interest Received	2.55
Regular Donations	331.60
Rotary Club Donation (Outside Area)	250.00
Steeple to Steeple Run	692.30
Sponsored Cycle	1052.60
Summer Disco	tbc
BVP Donation	15000.00
Total	**£33291.75**

Table 2: Spending summary

Foundation Playhouse (£286.94 Raised)	419.98
Maths Books/Equipment	3766.09
Mindfulness Books	212.34
PE Equipment	412.50
Outside Area/Pond	1435.81
Annual School Donation	6000.00
Mathletics/Snap Science software	1367.28
PTA AGM Nibbles	24.10
PTA Glitter/Tattoos/Brushes/Glue	69.11
PTA Membership	101.00
Cherry Tree (HM)	47.94
Playground Equipment	169.98
No Nonsense Grammar	250.00
Float Summer Disco	65.00
Total	**£14,341.13**

Financial summary

The PTA raised £33,291.75 and contributes £14,341 towards the running of the school in the 2016-17 academic year. Total uncommitted funds in the PTA bank account currently stand at £27,294.57 and this will allow us to make a £6,000 contribution at the start of the new academic year and have funds available to pay for upfront costs of event such as the fireworks display.

Our plans for 2017-18

Simon Howard (Chair), Jo Park (Secretary) and Sara Goddard (Treasurer) are standing down. Vice Chair Alison Stott is standing for re-election. We will vote in our new team at the AGM on 13 September.

Our primary aim from last year was to raise £20,000 by creating new fundraising events, and we are very happy to see how active the entire community has been in helping achieve this. We'd like to celebrate all the efforts of the various teams working to make these events happen, and of course the support of the parents, children, staff and local community who have enjoyed coming to them.

This year, we must bear in mind that the biggest fundraiser of last year, the Big Village Party, is not taking place. We should focus on making sure that the money it generated is spent wisely for the benefit of all children at the school in line with our purpose as the PTA. We should also seek out alternative fundraising ideas that can maintain our healthy position.

Last year, we focused on improving communications with parents and raising the profile of the PTA within the school community. Our comms team has done an excellent job, and is looking for more volunteers, especially with skills in communication, marketing and PR.

In spending terms, guided by priorities determined by the school's Governors, we are hoping to help with the refurbishment of the school library and making an investment in new ICT equipment for pupils.

Thank you

We are grateful for every contribution large and small that makes our school, and its children, succeed. All help is welcome and valued – whether you can volunteer on a regular basis, would like to run a one-off event, or can make a donation. By far the greatest thing you can do is come along to our events and enjoy them – every penny you spend goes towards making our children's education a better experience.

Thanks to everyone who has made this past year such a standout success for the school – the money you have raise will make a real difference.