



## Long Crendon School PTA Annual Report Academic Year 2014-2015

### Officers of the PTA

Chair	Helen Miller	re-elected September 2014, stood down December 2014
Vice Chair	Fran Broadhead	re-elected September 2014
Hon Treasurer	John MacLean	elected September 2014
Hon Secretary	Joanne Park	elected September 2014

### Trustees

Helen Miller, Fran Broadhead, John MacLean, Joanne Park, Annie Pearson, Debbie Rodale, Julie Allen, Sarah Hassan. The role of the trustees is to ensure the PTA is operating correctly. Trustees can be parents, staff or members of the community. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a trustee.

### Purpose of the PTA

The objective of the Long Crendon School PTA is to advance the education of the pupils in the school. In furtherance of this the PTA may:

- develop more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it; and
- provide and assist in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Bucks Learning Trust).

### Fundraising

#### Autumn Term

- Julie Allen and Sarah-Jane Jennings worked with staff and children to produce personalised Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift labels. This raised **£267**.
- Our annual fireworks display was a huge success. This year we started the event with a glowstick parade from the Scout Hut on Chearsley Road. Despite the horrific weather conditions all the spectators enjoyed the BBQ, XT-beer, mulled wine, hot chocolate and sweets. A massive thank you to the 40 volunteers whose time and efforts are very much appreciated, and to everyone who attended and brought their friends and family. A particularly huge thank you to the Fireworks Sub-Committee (Sandra Brooks, Karen Thompson, Clare MacLean, Kyrлие Clement, Maria Godfrey and Gez Crees) who brought it all together! The fireworks raised **£4,305**.
- Hot on the heels of the fireworks came the Christmas Bazaar. This was very well attended, and Father Christmas was able to use the O.W.L. outdoor learning lodge funded by the PTA as his grotto. Thank you to those who joined us on the Christmas Bazaar Sub-Committee (Annie Pearson and Louise Croft Baker). The bazaar raised **£2,080**.
- Once again Anneliese Pearson took lovely photographs of the KS1 / Foundation nativity for parents to buy. This raised **£125**.
- Sue Graham and a team of volunteers ran a Christmas disco for the children and Louise Croft Baker and a team of volunteers ran the end of term disco. The discos raised **£606**.
- The school 2015 calendars raised **£564**. Thank you to Kerry Yates and Sandra Brooks for organising this and to all the teachers and pupils for producing such great artwork for the calendar.

#### Spring Term

- We held a "Lucky for Some" themed quiz night on 13<sup>th</sup> March where 9 teams pitted their wits against each other to win the glory of PTA Quiz Champions 2015. The 'Bar Crawlers' won for the second year running. Better luck next time to 'Know it Ales' (less ale maybe?). Teams brought their own food (Lynsey Harman's table were the runaway winners of our best BYO competition) and the PTA provided a bar. The quiz night

raised **£643**. Thank you to Fran Broadhead, Lucy North and Annie Pearson who organised it, Helen Miller who wrote another challenging quiz and Nick Turner who served as our quiz master.

- We held a Cinema Night for children showing 'Paddington'. The popcorn went down a blast, despite major hoovering-up being needed afterwards! This raised **£391**. Thank you to Annie Pearson, Ginny Loisel and everyone who helped.

#### Summer Term

- Thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who helped make the 2015 Sponsored Bike Ride and Triathlon a huge success! This year we opened up the triathlon to all KS2 children. The 97 swimmers, riders and runners raised a fantastic **£1,311**. The children cycled/scootered nearly 3,000 laps. Thank you to the well organised team of 30 helpers led by Rosie Corby and Sophie Davis and to Mrs Bowden for supervising the swimming.

#### Regular income

- The second hand clothes bank has raised **£675**.
- We have continued to have cake sales / second hand uniform sales each half term, we raised **£587** from the cake sales and **£27** from second hand uniform. Thanks go to Tessa Grist for organising us all for cake sales and to Debbie Johnson for sorting and selling second hand uniform, as well as to everyone who baked cakes and sold them.
- A stalwart group of volunteers have also provided tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits at a variety of school events such as the Easter assembly and Sports Day. The amount raised was **£314**. Thank you to everyone involved.
- We continue to promote the use of [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for shopping online. This raised **£120** for the school. Please remember to go via this website for all of your online shopping.
- We also receive commission on orders placed with Yellow Moon at [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk), the code to use is SLO1311.
- We have recently signed up to get donations from [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) who produce quality name tags and stickers, including stickers that can be used on clothing, so no more sewing or ironing on. Please quote school ID 63172 when you order to ensure we get the donations.
- We continue to receive regular contributions from some parents under our gift aid scheme amounting to **£452** this year. If you would be interested in supporting the school in this way please contact John MacLean (Hon Treasurer).
- We also sold off some surplus stocks from prior events raising **£107**.

#### **Communication**

Our Communications Sub-Committee (Annie Pearson, Abi Amor and Kerry Yates) continued to be active this year helping us with communicating more effectively with parents and with publicity for our events.

The Communications Sub-Committee have:

- continued with coffee and croissants as a get together for parents on the first day of each term;
- continued to grow our relationship with local businesses such as estate agents Fischer German, who sponsored advertising boards for our Fireworks display;
- produced a termly newsletter;
- made great use of the A frame display boards for updating parents on PTA events; and
- ensured that there is an update on PTA activities in the weekly school newsletter.

#### **Spending**

- We funded the new outdoor learning lodge (the O.W.L.). Including provision of services to the lodge, the total cost was **£11,590**.
- We also provided cameras for the staff and pupils to use at a cost of **£569**.
- We were very pleased to give the school **£600** for provision of the IXL online learning resource for Maths.
- We provided some new PE mats to replace some very old and worn ones in the hall at a cost of **£434**.
- The school has made very good use of our regular annual payment of **£5,000**. This is used to support maintenance of the ICT suite and to provide curriculum based resources, such as:
  - the Y3 Egyptian Day, done each year for children in Y3;
  - the whole school pantomime at Christmas;
  - the Life Education Mobile Programme for the whole school and

- leaf swatch books from the Woodland Trust.
- General expenses including PTA UK insurance and costs for the welcome back coffee and croissants and AGM totalled **£145**.
- We committed to purchasing a new set of guided reading books for the school at a cost of approx. **£4,000**. These will be purchased in the Autumn term 2015.

### **Financial Summary**

Total funds raised were **£12,573**. Total spending was **£18,338**, including the O.W.L.

Funds remaining at year end £13,721, less £4,000 for guided reading books, less £2,000 working capital = balance of uncommitted funds at year end £7,721.

We will make the annual payment of £5,000 to the school in September 2015.

Thanks to our Hon Treasurer John MacLean. Our financial summary has been submitted to the Charities Commission.

### **PTA 100 Club**

The popular PTA 100 Club, run by Kyrle Clement, was relaunched in September 2014 and raised a total of **£473**. This was used to contribute towards the new school sports kits worn by children taking part in competitive sport against other schools. The PTA 100 Club money also purchased the portable amplifier system used for the first time on Sports Day and provided each of our Year 6 leavers with a scientific calculator ready for their move to secondary school. The PTA 100 Club money is collected and spent separately from our main fundraising.

### **Plans for the academic year 2015-2016**

- We will be seeking a new Chair and Vice Chair, as Helen Miller (Chair) has had to stand down due to ill health and Fran Broadhead (Vice Chair) has now served three and a half years and has to stand down in accordance with the Constitution. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary are welcome and elections will be held at the PTA AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- The Communications Sub-Committee would love to hear from you if you are able to help, they do a great job of keeping parents and staff informed via the newsletter, Parent Mail and our Long Crendon School PTA Facebook page and help publicise each of our events.
- As we move into the new academic year we would love to see more parents and staff at our meetings. All parents and guardians of children attending the school and all members of staff are automatically members of the PTA and are very welcome to attend our meetings. We have two class reps per class who will attend regularly but it's really important for us to get a wide cross-section of views and ideas at our meetings.
- We are hoping to run one or two large events each term alongside our smaller regular events such as the cake sales, children's disco etc. Our planned large events will be:
  - Autumn Term Fireworks and Christmas Bazaar
  - Spring Term Cinema night for children and Quiz night for parents
  - Summer Term Sponsored Bike Ride / Triathlon and a family BBQ
- We would also love to hear from parents / staff if they have any other ideas for fundraising events.
- We will also be investigating the potential of "match funding", this is where PTA members who raise funds for the school are able to get additional funding from their employer.

### **Thank you**

We continue to rely on support from all parents and staff to make our events, and therefore our fundraising, a success. We are grateful for all contributions, large or small. Whether you can give your time once or many times during the year, all help is very welcome. Even if you can't give your time, come along to our events and spend your money, it all goes towards enhancing our children's education.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year so successful.

Helen Miller  
Chair

Fran Broadhead  
Vice Chair

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