

# Rushton Primary School

## PCA Annual General Meeting



**Tuesday 18th September 2018**

### PCA Annual Report

The Rushton Primary School Parent Community Association (PCA) is a charity which is run by a committee elected each year, in September, at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee currently consists of: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. There are also committee members, made up from parents and people living in the village, as well as a teacher representative.

The objects of the PCA are to advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority), to foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents, pupils and others associated with the school and engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

In deciding which activities to run this year the trustees of the PCA (committee) wanted to balance the need to have events that would raise funds for our charity to enable us to meet our objectives stated above.

The money raised by the PCA over the last school year (2017/2018) has been used in a variety of ways, some examples of this are:

- Lockers
- Pod -Outdoor reading room (including electrics & furniture)
- Y6 trip to Twinlakes
- School Christmas Party
- Class budgets (£50 per year group)
- Outdoor Seating area
- Furniture Rainbow Room
- Instant Camera
- Lunch Trolley

### PCA activities this year included:

- **Coffee mornings/afternoons** - These were run throughout the school year, second hand school uniform was offered for sale. The suggestion was made that we should consider a Friday afternoon to enable more people to attend
- **Cinema Nights** - The PCA held 3 Cinema Nights this year and showed the same film in the same evening. The film choices are voted by all the children in school from a list of available DVDs. Chips and soft drinks are provided as refreshments. All 3 events were very well attended and the afternoon timings seem to be a success.
- **Halloween Disco / Valentines Disco** - The PCA held 2 discos this year. Both were very well attended and there was a great atmosphere. Monica & Lucie kindly hosted them.
- **Christmas Fayre** - A large scale event and one that takes a lot of planning and organisation. The fayre was held on a Friday afternoon again, as we had tried this the previous couple of years with great success. The PCA created some of the stalls, some of the older children also created stalls and ran them. We had no other outside food stalls this year which meant the school refreshments made a good profit.
- **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea** - Unfortunately this event did not go ahead this year because of low numbers. If this event is to happen again it needs a series of planning meetings and marketing plans running up to the event to attract attendees. A Friday afternoon has been suggested.
- **Easter Bingo** - We went back to pre-ordering a Fish & Chips supper again this year, this is now a set precedence. The event turned out to be so popular this time, that we had to close bookings early, as we can only cater for so many people seated in the hall due to Health & Safety. We need to discuss the option of using a different/bigger hall next year
- **Summer Fete** - Our biggest event of the year and one that takes a lot of planning and organisation. The fayre was held on a Friday afternoon again, as we had tried this the previous couple of years with great success. The fayre was promoted with the help of Chris George Estate Agents. Parents had for sales boards outside their house advertising the fayre and we managed to raise a fabulous £330 by doing this. The Fayre itself was a fun afternoon although we could have done with more help as some stalls were unmanned. Bev Andrew contacted many companies and secured a huge number of fantastic raffle prizes. We sold tickets before the event as well as at the event itself. We sold Pimms , prosecco & beer in a large tent at the bottom of the field. This was a great success and the Pimms sold out. Please see the treasures report for the total amount raised.
- **Tuck Shop** - Year 6 children sold a range of items after school on a Friday and they were tasked with pricing of the items too. This seemed to be quite popular with the children.

- The PCA also supported the school's events of May Day, Sports Day, New Starter's Picnic and the Christmas Performances. We also held a couple of Mufti Days where we requested a donation or a £1 to take part.

### **Plans for the Year Ahead.**

The school always has a 'Wish List' from the school, which is presented at PCA Meetings and the committee discuss and vote on each item. We would still like to set ourselves another new project for the next year, giving us something specific to aim for when fundraising - We also welcome suggestions from families as to what they might like to see in regards of events or anything we could provide for the children in school.

Thank you all for your help and encouragement over the last 12 months and we look forward to a great fundraising year ahead.

### **Thanks.**

The PCA members that we currently have, have given up a lot of time and effort to make sure that the events go ahead, along with the wonderful support from the school staff, who give up their hard earned free time to help us.

We know that not everyone can make PCA Meetings and we really appreciate those who help out at events - the setting up and clearing away afterwards are just as important as running the events and a lot of this goes unnoticed. We welcome new volunteers, even if you can only spare half an hour, it all helps. We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions so please get in touch

Caroline Dale

Chair of Governors