

## **Alban City School PTA Chairs' Report: Jan 2017 – Jan 2018**

I am delighted to once again produce this report detailing another successful year of fundraising and community building carried out by our dedicated PTA committee here at Alban City School. This report covers the period of my chairmanship from January 2017 until January 2018 (please note this report does not include financial information, this can be found in a separate report from the Treasurer).

### Structure & Organisation

PTA meetings continue to be well attended each month offering an opportunity for idea sharing, sub-committee updates and feedback as well as keeping class representatives informed. This year we introduced the Slack application to our sub-committees, this has proven itself to be an extremely useful tool ensuring the whole group are kept up to date without the need for physical meetings!

Class representatives continue to be extremely valuable in supporting all PTA activities, ensuring each class is aware of all events, whilst helping to sell tickets and recruit volunteers as needed.

### Communication & Information

Communication between the PTA and parents / carers at the school continues to work well, thanks to the class representatives. The Yellow PTA Post Box during morning drop-off is invaluable at selling tickets for events and recruiting volunteers. This year we added a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow post box between the staff room and the main school entrance, enabling parents using ABC/XYZ greater ease of use.

The PTA newsletter is produced each term in hard copy format and the web pages are regularly updated with information regarding upcoming events and news of our 200 Club winners!

### Events

The PTA still continues to try new events, whilst enhancing and adapting existing events following suggestions from the whole school community. We have undertaken even more events this year! Thanks to the dedicated support of the PTA, school staff and our fantastic parents, each and every event has been successful, particularly in continuing to strengthen our enviable school community.

This year, the PTA introduced a very popular Family Funday, a relaxed, not for profit, afternoon of family entertainment. It was a great opportunity for families, new and old, to the school, to get together. The feedback from this was excellent and we would certainly look to repeat this event going forward.

Our 2017 event line-up:

- Quiz Night
- Valentines' Bake Sale
- Spring Disco for P1
- Film Night in PJs for P2
- Wine Evening
- Odyssey Screening of Trolls
- Summer Fair
- Family Funday
- Autumn Bake Sale
- Halloween Disco for P2&3
- Odyssey Screen of Sing!
- Comedy Night
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Wreath Making
- Film Night for P1
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

In addition to these events, the PTA has continued to hold monthly coffee mornings or afternoon teas, including a Macmillan fundraising coffee morning each September. We still hold a couple of craft evenings in the run-up to the school fairs' and, when the weather allows, we hold ice-lolly sales on a Friday afternoon.

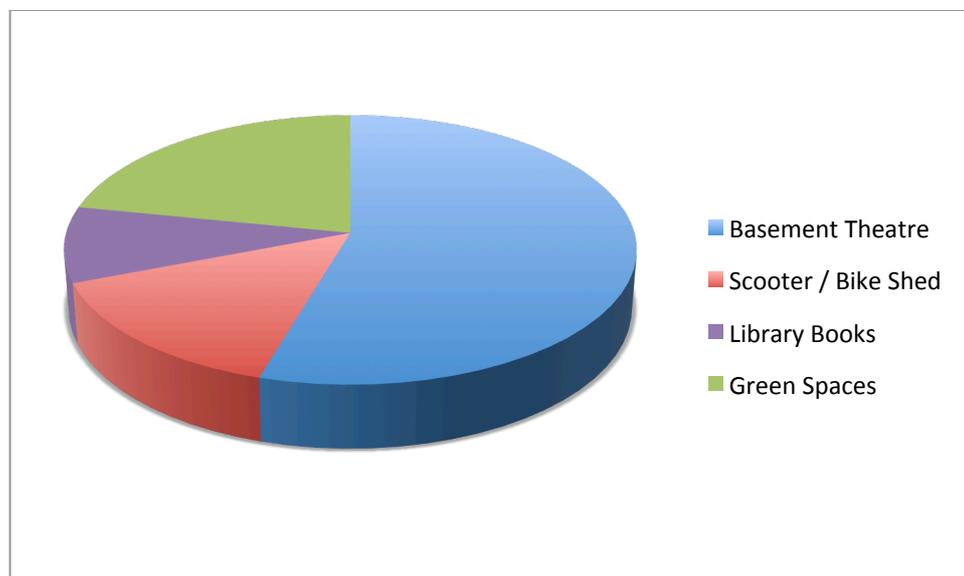
Looking into 2018, we will try our best to maintain this schedule of activities. As well as moving Mum's Night into the spring term to co-inside with Mothers' Day and the possible introduction of a Race Night in the Summer term to alternate with the Wine Evening.

### Supporting the School

The PTA exists solely to support our school, whether helping to build and strengthen relationships with the school and wider local community or, fundraising to provide equipment, activities and other resources to further the education of our children.

We have had another fantastic year of PTA fundraising for the school. Further details are set out in the separate Treasurer's report, but these funds have been used to by the school to purchase large quantities of books for the school library, and to offer discounted pantomime tickets for many children at the school.

The PTA surveyed the whole school community regarding our next big fundraising focus, this is what we were told:



## Corporate Support & Match-Funding

Over the last year the PTA, has been very generously supported by numerous companies and local businesses, whether through match-funding, sponsorships or raffle prizes. Some of these include:

- RBS gave us match funding at the Quiz Night.
- Green Edge Gardens generously sponsored our Summer Fair.
- Top Hat Stage School were sole sponsors of our 2017/18 Calendar.
- Bradford & Howley Estate Agents kindly sponsored the Christmas Fair.
- Coombes & Wright Mortgage Solutions continue to support our face painting team at every event.
- MetroBank St Albans have supported various events with staff and sweets
- Tesco Metro St Albans continue to support a variety of events.

There are many, many more companies who have supported us, especially our generous raffle prize donors. Our events would not be anywhere near as successful or as enjoyable without their support.

This report would not be complete without a gigantic thank you to the whole PTA team, as I write this, my final Chairs' report, it has given me great pleasure to get to know and work with you all over the years, we have been so lucky with our intake of not only fabulous kids every year, but also the new parents who readily get involved with us here. The enthusiasm and support has been brilliant, thank you. To Mrs Goddard and the amazing school staff, thank you all so much for the continued support and patience (emphasis on patience!).

Finally, I may be standing down as chair, but I am extremely happy to be handing over to an excellent team, it's been a fantastic 3 years as chair, 4 in total on the committee, I am delighted to have led the PTA to achieve our major objective - the delivery of the school playground, but along the way we had so much fun, we even hopped into the Guinness Book of Records (briefly!). I've said it before, but I'll say it again, here's to continuing to have fun, make some great friends and raise, even more in 2018!

Karen Francis, Chair of the PTA