

TIPTON ST JOHN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA AGM

MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2018

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last AGM (Thursday 12th October 2017)
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CHAIRS REPORT

15/10/18

Can I start by thanking everyone for their support over the last year since taking on the role. Due to work commitments I am not always able to be there before and after school but you have all supported and helped me in a variety of ways. Although we are a very small group, you all play a massive part in ensuring the smooth running of the organisation and its events, and the time you give to the PTFA is very much appreciated.

So, it was a busy start to being the chair; the organisation of all the Christmas events. The lunch we put on for the children, decorating the grotto, helping Santa in getting and wrapping all the gifts for the children, wrapping the parcels for the teachers to do in class on the party day and lucky dip prizes for the Christmas fair. Organising the Christmas fayre is always hectic; sorting the stalls, getting enough people to man them (which is always a problem), sourcing raffle prizes, sorting lucky cups, to name just a few. A big thank you to Terry at Thomas Moore who very kindly donated lots of stock and did a good sales pitch too. We had the back room as well this year and did a craft stall where children could decorate cards/gifts to give people. We also had some traders this year who paid for a stall to sell their goods. The usual advent calendar, Rudolph picks and lucky cups were back and a 2nd hand toy stall. We also sold a few Tea towels we had left over from the Tea towel fundraiser we did.

The craft afternoon in school is always a fun, glittery event which is enjoyed by all and the chance to buy the gifts back at the fayre.

The usual drinks and cakes at the school Christmas performances were good, although we could have sold more cakes if we had them. The hot drink and juices always go down well.

To kick off 2018 we had the Bag to school in January which was a little less than on previous occasions.

The monthly drinks and cakes with 50 square are always a success. We had kindly been given vouchers from Knights farm shop and Willow Photography, for some months which made a change instead of winning money.

The annual Mothers' day gift was a lovely personalised pot decorated by the children - they got to choose the plant they wished to give the lucky person. It was interesting listening to the discussions about what message to write. We were lucky to get several bags of compost donated by Wyevale garden centre to use.

The Easter Bingo was again, a fun event enjoyed by all the children, especially the ones who won chocolate. We asked for donations of chocolate eggs etc instead of buying them this year. Mr Hatswell did another great job in being the Bingo Caller.

Our mini pamper evening was a lovely fun social event, thank you for all who helped make the hall look nice and for Mary Jane and Younique to come along and show their products. The raffle went down well too.

I decided as I was Chair, that the Dads would not miss out on Fathers' Day, so the children designed a keyring.

Our first Midsummer nights' quiz was a huge success with 9 tables of competitive people ready to answer Reverend Ward's questions. John, my Dad, kindly ran the bar. We got a sale or return from Sainsburys and the London Inn did us a good deal for a case of 43 pints of ale which was empty at the end of the evening. Howard Hughes kindly donated a couple of his barrels of cider too. Thank you to all who helped in the organising and on the night.

Helen and Claire organised a Scavenger hunt which was a lovely end to a school day. Jemma Wiltshire put the hunt together and money for the event was given up front. Helen's hot dogs were a great success and fed the hungry children. Cakes sold out, we could have sold more if we had had them.

The school disco in July was the usual crazy night with lots of hot, sweaty children charging around. The disco man had put his prices up by £5 but it is still worth having him to do the event. We chose not to give out request sheets this year and asked him to play up to date music which appeared to be okay. The theme was film stars although not many were dressed up.

Sports day ice-creams were a massive success but we had trouble keeping the ice-cream from melting, but we did sell out, alongside the juices/ lots of cakes and crisps.

The end of term BBQ seemed a lot quieter this year. We bought the same amount of burgers and sausages but had a lot left over. We went around selling packs and rolls to try and get rid of them. The cakes, cans and juices sold well. We didn't sell much school uniform or hot drinks. There didn't seem to be many of the new parents around.

We have the mad end to the year all, so keep me going by being by my side.

Thank you