

## **Hornby Margaret's Primary School PTA Chairs Report 2016-2017**

We have had another successful year of pulling together to enjoy our school whilst raising money through our four core activities

**Macmillan Cancer Research** Our only charity event of the year in which we welcomed more friends and families than ever and with the help of the fantastic year 6 servers raised our highest amount so far for our chosen charity.

**Christmas Fair** No flood this year – Hurray! Once again a fantastic level of support and a huge amount of money raised through this event. Thank you to all of those who came to support and bought draw tickets. To all of those who help so much in the preparations and on the day what can I say but YOU'VE BEEN AMAZING AGAIN – you all know who you are and every donation has been a massive contribution to our success.

**Prosecco Night** The second year and a much bigger and more successful event thanks to the massive push from Jess who has taken this event and made it great fun for all of us who got to partake (in a glass or two and some pressie shopping). Thanks Jess!

**Cards, coasters etc** The children produced some great artwork to enable us to have produced some great gifts. Thanks to great support we again raised funds with useful family presents.

**Recycling day** Thanks to Helen for co-ordinating this event. We decided to scale down from a full jumble sale because of the timings of Easter and holidays but thanks to those who supported we still managed to pull in some extra funds with minimum effort.

**Summer Fair** Despite a wet day, we managed to have summer fun inside with more cheap and fun games for the children and once again lots of help for our wonderful parent helpers. We have aimed at each event for the children to be able to come with a small amount of pocket money and be able to join in with every activity. Thanks also

So many events now cost a fortune and we aim to keep our costs low and give the children a fun day with their friends and family whilst still making money for school, this has been achieved through significant personal contributions from some very generous parents thank you for everything that has been donated.

Extra funds have also been raised with Rachel's Magnum ice cream sales and second hand uniform sales and Easyfundraising. All of these extras help us to help our children.

**We have supported our children and the school in the following ways this year**

Transport paid for infant trip to Clitheroe Castle

Transport paid for Junior trip to Stone Circles

Transport paid to Christmas Panto

Tickets subsidised for Christmas Panto

Christmas presents for each child from Santa

Easter eggs activity day

Prizes for talent show

Ice creams for sports day

Subsidised Leavers Party for Year 6 pupils

Running a free gardening club

We have asked the school and school council to let us know what else PTA could do to enhance time at school but as yet haven't had a response so have continued to subsidise trips. If you have any suggestions that you think would enhance the children's time at school then please let PTA know. The ideas so far have been a sports coach to run afterschool sports lessons, afterschool science club with mad science, nesting box with cameras, chicks and incubator, a slide for the play area and an extension to the play fort.

Many thanks to you all for your support and friendship during my two years as Chair I wish you all health, happiness and success in the future.

*Sue Houseman*