

# Friends of Buckton Vale PTFA

## Chair report September 2013

After 12 months of a small team membership of the PTFA, we have now grown to a healthier number of 13.

It has been fantastic to see new members join the PTA this year and the support they have offered has been greatly appreciated. It will enable us to share responsibilities, roles and hold successful fund-raising events. All new members and new ideas are always welcomed!

Even with new members this till equates to less than 3% of the total number of parents connected to a school with 260 children and we would welcome even more new members.

With the exception of the already well attended Christmas fair I feel extremely pleased that more and more children/parents are now attending the PTFA events and know we are part of school life.

### Our events in the last 12 months

- Coffee morning 25/10/12
- Christmas fair 03/12/12
- Afternoon tea 27/02/13
- Easter Craft fair
- Bags to school (forest school)
- Bingo night 17/05/13
- Cinema afternoon 19/06/13
- Summer fair 12/07/13
- Toasty Tuesday (The Treasurers report will have the finance details on )

### **“This is a great achievement for an infancy year of a PTFA”**

- The coffee morning/afternoons were not very well attended and the committee wondered if we were going in the wrong direction. As a consequence we decided to concentrate more on child/family focused activities.
- The Easter craft was more successful and 40 children attended. A slight loss was made on the craft resources so possibly a higher ticket price is required should we wish to repeat the event.
- Bingo evening was very successful and we had 140 attendees. The large profit was largely due to the alcohol licence and the generous donation of the lager/bitter from Cosmo Bingo via Mark Collier.
- A total of 102 children came to the cinema afternoon which was fab. For the next one we think the movie should be more KS2 focused. Also a ticket price to include the cost of popcorn/choc Ice & drinks so children do not need to carry any money; some of the younger ones looked very lost with the money.
- THE SUMMER FAIR..... I think it's fair to say an overriding success.

I think it is fair to say that the weather worked both for and against us this year. The big plus was that we had all that great space enabling us to have both the penalty shootout and inflatable slide.

The heat of the week also gave us melting moment headaches regarding the chocolate prizes we had. A decision was made to bring in the ice cream man as the fridges were already full. This was a hit with the children and we had a percentage of the profits too.

The 'External' stall holders were positive about the fair and they did offer a good selection of items and got awareness of their business. Reuben's retreat raised over £140 alone!

Year 6 stalls were brilliant and they left us a great legacy.

### Thoughts for NEXT TIME!

- The non-uniform days leading up to the fair could be held earlier in May/ June for bottles & £1 donations. Cake donations added later if necessary.
- Earlier focus on raffle prizes donations.
- Teams to run elements of events, rota of setting up/clearing up
- Year 6 Leavers presentation night.

Karen Ball & I attended the leaver's night and gave out complimentary drinks, beer, wine & cordial. As well as chocolates and crisps on the tables. The school bought items but the majority were items left over from the fair and therefore given out at no extra cost to us. This was a big thank you especially as the yr6 enterprise gave us such a good profit. It was greatly appreciated by the parents and is something that could be a fixed annual event to give the children a good send off!

**“All our events would not be possible without the tremendous support and commitment given by parents and staff, and a great big Thank you goes out to you all.”**

### Donations to School

£1,000.00 for books for individual class libraries

£40.00 for playground equipment

Continuingly committed to a financial contribution for The Robin Wood Residential trip for Y6

As we go in to our new school year the following are items to plan in to the calendar pre Christmas.

- Apply for charity status
- Cinema afternoon Oct?
- Disco (specific Robin wood fundraiser) 6<sup>th</sup> Nov?
- Christmas Fair 6th December
- Bags to school (for forest school) September
- Collection of “empties please” printer cartridges.
- School Christmas cards made by the children and sold via [classfundraising.co.uk](http://classfundraising.co.uk)
- Set up either [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com) or [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) to earn cash back on purchases made by parents and school associates.

## OGM/AGM

30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 6.30pm

In accordance with PTA guidelines I will vacate the post of Chair of Friends of Buckton Vale to allow other members a chance to put themselves forward to be elected.

This PTA can only grow in both strength and prosperity; it will always have my full support as I see my own children through their primary years until 2020.

Thank you for your continued support

Sam Newton

Chair. Friends of Buckton Vale.

## **Current Committee**

Sam Newton .....Chair

David Ball..... Treasurer

Lynn Ellingworth .....Secretary

Dawn Lister..... School Representative

## **Committee coordinator members**

Karen Ball

Angela Byers

Barry Whitwam

Lyndsey Whitwam

Joanne Williams

Vicky English

Clair Catherall

Jenny Lowry

Joanne Weilding

Cat Walsh.