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New PTA trustees

We are delighted to announce the election of three new officers. **Kate Evans** takes on the role of Chair, **Radley Fenn** is the Treasurer and **Debbie Palfreyman** takes the position of Secretary. The team (right) are brimming with ideas, and have already cut their teeth on the sell-out Quiz 'n' Chips.

The outgoing team (below right) Sharon da Cunha (Chair), Sarah Millington (Treasurer) and Nina Demetriou (Secretary) wish them all the very best and a lot of fun!

Charity Status Update

With a new team in place and our accounts closed for 2015/16, we can register the PTA as a charity, a legal requirement due to our annual income. The three new officers will be the charity's trustees.

Join us

Changes to our structure mean you no longer sign up to the committee for a year fearing being overburdened. You can do as much or as little as you like; play to your strengths or try something new!



PTA AGM

We combined our Annual General Meeting with a coffee morning on Wednesday. The AGM is our chance to review the year; present our accounts; update members on our spending plans and look forward to the year's activities. The serious business of the morning was sweetened by some dainty delicacies specially created for us by the catering team.

Headline figures

We raised **£10,826** last year. This is almost as much as the previous Ball year: our biennial Ball will happen in May 2017. Income breakdown: Events £4,680; Uniform Shop commissions £3,522; Family subscription £2,624.

Our next event is the Bonfire. Tickets are already on sale on the new PTA website www.townclosepta.co.uk





Other achievements

Movie night was new and hugely popular with the children. We reviewed our constitution, progressed becoming a charity and joined the umbrella organisation PTA UK. New ventures included the cookbook (over £1,000 generated) and branded goods. We've launched a new PTA Website www.townclosepta.co.uk and Facebook page to keep you informed. PTA events provide social opportunities for children, parents and staff, helping cement friendships and build a strong school community.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Our volunteers have improved the customer experience: the latest offering being a contactless card reader. Stock has been overhauled, increasing the quality of what's available and making it easier to find. Regular advertising encourages donations through the year and prices are now standardised.

Sellers receive 75% of the sale price. After two years unsold stock is donated to a local charity or the PTA. Parents receive cheques twice a year.

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PTA Grants

We grant funds for additional equipment that would not otherwise be purchased, prioritising learning through play and complementing the school's initiatives.

2015/16 - Grants funded

- £1,794 Automatic Audiometer
- £478 Cuburo Cugolino Starter set
- £2,376 Set of Cornets
- £226 Giant floor cushions for reading
- £126 Costumes for Year 2 production
- £520 Raspberry Pi IT equipment

2015/16 - Grants committed

- £2,500 Upgrade Prep playground equipment; purchase toys and table tennis tables
- £2,500 Pre Prep imaginative play shelters and sandpits
- £9,000 Maximum PTA contribution towards a second-hand grand piano for the Read Hall.

