



## **Chairperson's Report 2016/2017**

Beechwood Parents' Association has had a busy year and raised in excess of £19,000. We have held five events over the year, most in the first half of the academic year. Alongside this the PA have run the bar for three stage performances.

### **Autumn Term 2016**

#### **Firework & Bonfire Night**

##### **Thursday 3rd November 2016**

After Fountain Lawn got ruined last year the stalls were moved down next to the music room. The large gazebo/tent held the drinks, doughnuts and flashing stalls and the bar and food were under separate gazebos next to it. We were no longer allowed a bonfire due to health and safety so the PA purchased two incinerator bins which looked great and gave a natural cut off point behind the taped off areas. Phoenix Fireworks didn't disappoint again this year, with a spectacular display and the evening wasn't as well as attended as before. We are hoping to get it back onto a weekend next year but due to the date and ours being a small display (in comparison to others) we had to have it on the Thursday. Thank you to all those involved in making this yearly event a success. The evening raised £136.

#### **The Christmas Fair**

##### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

The Christmas Fair is one of the biggest events of the calendar year and we had our work cut out after last year's 'Christmas Spectacular', but with lots of help and many discussions we put together, we hope, a fun and festive afternoon. We offered a selection of external stalls along with the school year group stalls and the Christmas Spirit was in full swing. The whole school enjoyed a home clothes day to bring in money, gifts, bottles and chocolate for the fair. Thank you to Paula Cook who took on and ran the raffle singlehanded again this year. The Christmas Fair is a real team effort and the support from both Senior and Prep School teachers and administration staff have been paramount to its success.

The total amount raised including the Raffle was £3,478

#### **Ice Skating**

##### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

The PA contributed towards the children's tickets as we hired the whole rink exclusively for Beechwood. A small treat for those able to attend. The children and adults had a lovely afternoon.



## **Spring Term 2017**

### **Beechwood Bop/s October and April**

The children's ticket (wristband) was to be fully inclusive to help reduce handling of cash. The disco was thoroughly enjoyed and the children enjoyed competitions with prizes, popcorn, drinks, chocolate and glowing bracelets. The two bops raised £897.

## **Summer Term 2017**

### **'All that Glitters Ball' Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Salomons Estate**

We had a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing with a magician, casino tables, raffle and auction. It was a fun way to end our time on the committee and we thoroughly enjoyed putting the evening together. We raised £2,103.

### **Other Activities**

We provided the bar and nibbles for the **Senior School Play** and **Prep School Play** over the year. This was a total of eight evenings and raised £363.

The PA attended both **Open Days** and displayed boards both in Senior and Prep School to highlight our activities as well as the stationery and newly new shop.

## **Other Fund Raising**

### **The Nearly New Uniform Shop**

The shop has had a facelift this year and the donation only basis works really well and is a lot less work for Debbie and her team. This year it raised £3,645!

### **The Stationery Store**

Julie continues to run the store which opens on a weekly basis for Senior School and fortnightly in Prep School. The children really enjoy this service and it raised £411.

### **Christmas Cards and Tea Towels**

Ros Thomas organized this fund raiser and the children thoroughly enjoyed designing them and raised £276.



### **Investments 2016/2017**

Over the year we have been able to invest in both Senior and Prep School to enable the children to experience an enhanced education. After discussions with Mr Lennon the projects we have been able to fund this year have been:-

- Gazebos for whole school
- Uniform Refurb – windows
- Music Department Refurb
- Furniture for Learning Development (senior school)
- Food Technology tables x 2, saucepans x 10
- Nursery sandpit
- Climbing frame
- Nursery easel
- Hire of Violins
- Small Items
- Display boards – 1 for senior, 1 for Prep

We still have the funds available for the projector and screen for the auditorium which is in the process of being bought. Any leftover funds will be saved towards equipment for the new Sports Hall.

### **Targets for 2017/2018**

The new committee will take over from September 2017 – Mark Roberts-Barter and Rebecca Smith are now the Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Tors Barwick and Juliette Ponsford stay on as Treasurer and Secretary.

It was decided that the PA would now be called the Friends of Beechwood and the mission statement has been amended.

The fireworks are booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> November and this will be their first event.

The current committee have handed over any paper files and sent across electronic information.

**The success of the PA is a team effort by the Committee, Parents, Teachers, Admin Staff and those who volunteer on a more permanent basis to run our shops. The committee thanks everyone involved for their support.**

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