



Chairpersons Report for the period September 2015 – July 2016

2015 – 2016 has proven to be another successful year for the PTA at Beecroft Academy, and as always the year seemed to fly by far too quickly! As Chairperson, I would like to start by saying a massive thanks to all the PTA committee, the PTA members, the parents and the staff for their ongoing enthusiasm, support and hard work throughout the year.

2015

The school year began with our Monster Ball disco we held in October, Our discos are an exceptionally popular events with the children, allowing new comers to the school to come along and meet new friends.

December was a very busy month both for the school and the PTA.

We next organised for the children to design Christmas cards, the children designed a card in school and the images they created were sent off to an outside company to print, parents and carers could also order other items like cups, rulers, tags ect...

Carols by candlelight was our next event, this was a new thing we tried this year that had a very positive response.

Another new thing we tried this year was making our own Beecroft Academy calendars. Rachel and I spent a lot of time coming into school and taking photos of the children in class groups. We had a lot of fun doing this and I think the children enjoyed this too. We then put all the photos together to create our very own Beecroft Academy calendar. We didn't have as much uptake as we would have liked, but apart from a few problems all went well. I am not sure this would be something we will do every year, maybe every other year. We would change the way we did photos if we were to do this again. Parents and carers to stated that having a whole school calendar put them of buying them. Maybe in the future we could do one for each year group.

We also got an outside company to come into the school to record the children and members of staff singing beautiful Christmas songs. The company recorded the beautiful singing on to cds and we sold these to families. It was a lovely thing to do and for all the families to have the opportunity to have a keep sake. This would be a something I think we would do every couple of years.

2016

We held our Valentines disco in February, again we had a very good uptake and the children really did enjoy themselves.

In March we held our very first Mother's day Secrets room, the PTA purchased gifts and PTA members also made some wonderful gifts and children came into the secret's room picked and wrapped presents to give to mums or that special someone in their life

We now have reached our half term disco we held this in May, again we had a very good uptake from the children as we always do. Raising lots more funds for the children.

In June we held our last planned event for the year, our Father's day secrets room, this ran in the same way as the Mother's day secrets room where children picked a gift and wrapped it themselves to give to fathers or that special someone.

- The PTA have been raising funds this year to raise money for a new climbing frame / outside equipment. We have installed phase one of the project and it is being used by the children.
- We donated Money to buzz bees for games and other items for the children to use when they access this wonderful facility.
- We also donated money to the school council, The school council ran a stall at the Christmas fayre and we donated the profits they raised to them.
- The money that is raised goes straight back into the school for the benefit of our children. The PTA is grateful to all the parents who support our events, whether by attending them or donating items or sponsorship to help us defray our costs. The PTA aims to give donations to all aspects of the school life and this year we are delighted to have donated just over **£3,000** to the school.
- I personally would also like to say a special thank you to everyone who has helped me in this challenging and demanding but extremely rewarding role. A big thank you for those who have contributed their time and effort in any way they could, to help us achieve the success we have had this year and hope to have your continued support.
- I would like to thank our Secretary Rachel for doing such a good job this year, with highs and lows along the way we together have kept the PTA running, she does more than just her job role and then some. Without her the PTA wouldn't run, she makes beautiful gifts from home, counts endless sweets for the tuck shop discos. She does a lot of the shopping for our events and spends so much time at home sorting things out, from letters, forms, you name it she does it. The list just goes on. So again thank you from myself, the staff and the children of Beecroft, you really are amazing and I could not have done my job as chair person without your support.
- Thank you to Veronica who is our Treasurer, She deals with all our accounts. She also spends time outside of school keeping this all up to date and in order. She again always goes out of her way to help in any way she can to support the PTA. Thank you Veronica

The PTA welcome any views and comments from parents either in person or via our email. I would lastly like to thank Mr Hughes for his support and guidance and to the staff in the school for giving our PTA access, time, effort and support for the many events we hold throughout the year.

Maxine Boyle

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