

## **Preston School Parent Teachers Association Annual Report for 2005/6**

Preston Primary school PTA is all about providing our children with additional equipment /facilities and extra curricular activities to enrich their school experience. Equally as important our PTA is about families and staff coming together, sharing ideas and working for the benefit of our children whilst also having lots of fun.

The last year was an exceptionally successful one for Preston School PTA providing a mixture of fundraising and social events as well as a good range of extracurricular activities for pupils. We have applied for another Awards for All lotteries grant and are awaiting a decision. The amount of money raised was a phenomenal £16,973 (applause!), with some more funding yet to come. Watch this space.

The rest of this report summarises the activities for the last academic year 2005/6, though auction fever swept us all off our feet for most of it.

### **Events**

A wide variety of events have been organised this year including:

- Auction of promises
- Christmas fair
- Summer fair
- Children's Auction of Promises
- Easter card competition
- 2 Infant and Junior Discos

All these events were well attended as usual by the brilliantly supportive community of families and staff at Preston school. New ideas were tried at the regular events such as the two fairs and feedback from attendees at all events was noted for future improvements.

We would like to mention North East Property Buyers, Newcastle Home Loans, Barclays, O2, and Simply Landscaping who gave financial support to the auction for which we are extremely grateful.

Other school events that were supported by the PTA have included:

- Financing the storyteller, Alec Williams, a school and evening event.
- Helping make Christingle oranges
- Providing refreshments at all the Christmas productions, summer sports days and harvest festival.

We raised a substantial amount from a World Cup sweepstake, and we successfully sold 500 Preston Primary Christmas Puddings, which was no mean feat!

We have also established a permanent fund raising activity with the Bonus Ball Lottery, the roll overs have produced some very happy winners!

A large amount of effort goes into putting on these activities, mainly from committee members, but often with considerable support from other parents/staff. A big thankyou goes to all those people, whatever their contribution.

### **After school Activities**

The after school activities have continued to be popular. We have been able to offer some exciting new experiences. Unfortunately basketball has had to go on hold for the time being but chess continues to be a permanent club. These activities have included:

- Football
- Wildlife Club
- Chess
- Urban Khaos Dance
- Gymnastics

Many thanks to the dedicated parents who make these activities possible by turning up every week and organising them.

### **Social Events**

Although every committee meeting feels like a social night, we have also had a couple of purely social evenings – Christmas and end of term nights out and Salsa Night to come!

### **Press**

We have managed to get a good deal of coverage this year especially around the Auction of Promises, in local newspapers and free publications.

### **Administration and Legal Requirements**

Preston PTA continues to be a registered charity and has the following insurance cover for its activities: public liability, personal accident, adult and child helpers insurance, cash in transit and a fidelity guarantee.

An annual Lotteries Licence and an Events Licence for the sale of alcohol at specific events have been in place covering all relevant activities.

All committee members are police checked, as are any helpers at after school activities.

Nicola Dunn (Chairman)  
Lisa Portas (Treasurer)

Fiona Oliver (Secretary)  
Kay Ross (Social Secretary)