

Preston School Parent Teachers Association Annual Report for 2006/7

Preston Primary school PTA continues to be an award winning voluntary organisation. Staff, families and friends of the school come together in an informal setting to make our children's learning environment an inviting and stimulating place to be.

The preceding year has been an exciting time as we have celebrated 100 years of teaching and learning at Preston Primary. Since it opened, the school has become a centre of the community with many achievements to commemorate.

At the beginning of this year the PTA were awarded an Awards For All grant of £10,000, which was used in the new hall to install lighting system, hearing loop and contributed towards extending the stage.

In addition to this we have held several fund raising events, including the biggest mudslide ever at this years summer fair! Some events were not intended to be large fundraisers but it seems that, even at social events, we just can't help but make money for the school!

It really is due to the fantastic support of families at Preston that we have raised such a phenomenal amount of money this year, which has funded many school projects. This is particularly amazing considering the size of our small school.

The rest of this report summarises the activities for the last academic year 2006/7, much of which has been focussed on the centenary celebrations.

Events

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

- Quiz Night
- Christmas fair
- Centenary Summer fair
- Pamper Evening
- Fashion Show
- Infant and Junior Disco

All these events were well attended as usual by the brilliantly supportive community of families and staff. Feedback from all PTA events is welcomed and we have endeavoured to make each event fun for all.

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

- Red Nose Day
- Helping make Christingle oranges
- Providing refreshments at all the Christmas productions, summer sports days and harvest festival.
- Centenary events including; book, newspaper, time capsule and mugs.
- Whole school trip to Beamish.

The Bonus Ball Lottery continues to be a permanent fund raising activity the roll overs are still creating 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. The organisation of these has been due to the hard work of a core team working with Mrs Winters. The PTA have been able to support this team in offering some exciting new experiences. These activities have included:

- Football
- Mad Science
- Chess
- Arts and Craft
- Gymnastics
- Drumming
- Tennis

We would like to extend our thanks to the dedicated parents who make these activities possible by turning up every week.

Social Events

Although every committee meeting feels like a social night, especially the Quiz, we have also had a couple of purely social evenings – Christmas and end of year barbeque.

Press

We have attracted a large amount of press coverage, with the school during the centenary celebrations. Many PTA members aided the school in creating the centenary newspaper, which was delivered with the Herald and Post free paper. PTA events are now advertised in the governor's newsletter, which is delivered by PTA members within the catchment area.

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)
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Di Hewitt (Vice Chair)
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