

North Hinksey C of E Primary Home School Association Chair's Report 2018-2019

The committee

We started the year with the same committee members as last year; Liz Pattison as Treasurer, Susie Billings as Secretary, and Rachael Monks, Sarah Moran and Eloise Goodhand as Co-Chairs. Class reps were soon found and the list was updated and circulated. Holding the AGM at the end of year picnic worked so well last year the we decided to do the same this year thus securing the number of people needed to vote for the committee members.

HSA funds are so important for the school in providing new and important facilities and experience for all our children. Last year it was a steep learning curve and a lot of work to organise the events - the HSA are a group of working mums with a combined count of 13 children between us! So this year the committee has really focused on maximising income for the school while streamlining effort and resource.

Fundraising events

The dates for Mufti days and cook for Books (as well as the bigger events) were decided in a meeting with Mrs Pearce at the start of the year, and added to the school calendar to be circulated to parents.

We introduced a new event to the calendar this year in the form of a film night. This was the first of two. The event was held just before halloween in the school hall where the children watched Hotel Transylvania 2, and ate pizza and popcorn in the interval. Costs were minimal and we made a good profit of £604.36 for both nights.

Our next event was the Christmas Bazaar. We wanted to simplify the event this year. Our motto was biggest profit with minimal effort! Again we kept a similar layout to the previous year. We tried to keep the hall as a space to congregate, with fewer stalls, so that the raffle and music could take place there. Ruth again was very helpful in setting up and dismantling the grotto, and Mr and Mrs Claxton ran the grotto. As the governors were unable to attend the event, we were forced to change the normal bbq, but our gammon in buns and Pippa's carrot soup went down a treat. On the Night we made £ 1,951.02 which is £24.91 more than last year. Takings were similar but overall expenses where less. Our big light balls and Mallory's cardboard lighted deer was effective with much less set up time and as we brought the musicians inside to the stage, this meant less set up outside and also meant they were warm!

Christmas cards was a nice easy money raiser. It made £369.83 which was £104.67 more than last year. So thanks to Emily who liaised with teaching staff to organise the pictures being done by the pupils. Next year we think we may ask pupils to do the pictures at home, so that they have much more time to produce their masterpiece! To round off the year the choir went busking to Waitrose and raised £188.77 and had a lovely hot chocolate to warm up afterwards.

Our next event was the annual school quiz. Our resident quiz master duo kindly offered to take on the questions for one final year, and we were blessed once again to have Pippa (and her team) making the most amazing Indian food, so all we had to do was serve it. The evening was a success with the teachers team winning the coveted title of brainiest team in NH! The evening raised £285.37 in total, which was slightly more than last year.

Early spring saw another few extra small events. We raffled an enormous (chocolate) ostrich egg and the film that we watched in the easter film night (Hop). £55.49 was raised, and our new Mothers day event was an opportunity for pupils to come and chose their own present for their

mother/carer, wrap it, take it home, and hide it in readiness for mothering Sunday. This raised £210.08.

The May Fair became the Summer Fair and was increased from last years 2 hours to 3 hours. Again, we were able to set up the gazebos and tables the day before which meant slightly more breathing room on the day to set up. Susie had made the most organised set up time table that I've ever seen, so it meant that it was a very smooth set up. The weather was glorious (if not a bit too warm) We used the same local ice cream van (although maybe we won't next year, as I'm not sure we were given a fair amount of the takings on the day!!!) that said, it was still pretty cool to have, and the kids got great ice creams with much less mess!! Some of the old classic games were there like the coconut shy, as well as some new ones, like balloon pop and spat the rat. We made in total £2,091.66, which was a substantial £468.02 more than last year. We hadn't quite got the quantities right for the length of the fair for example the balloon pop was incredibly popular and ran out of balloons, the same happened to the coconut shy.

The disco took place in June. We kept both key stages the same length as last year, which we felt worked well. It didn't drag at all. We used Mr. Fish as our DJ again, and it was well attended, making £736.59 which was £210.16 more than last year.

Another new venture this year were the tea towels. They were minimal effort (although Rachael might disagree!) and made a huge £825.73. If this was done again we would need to make sure that all children had been accounted for before sending off the proof.

Ice Lollies were popular again this year raising £104.26. £35.30 more than last year and we still have one sale to go.

Mufti days are an easier fundraiser for the HSA and only take place every half term. Mufti days have thus made £ 462.76 this year, which is slightly more than last year.

Having Cook for books after school only seems to work well and the opposition towards it seems to have subsided. All cook for books money raised, goes directly back to their year group to be spent on books.

Reception - £104.55
Year 1 - £ 104.52
Year 2 - £116.60
Year 3 - £120.80
Year 4 - £122.32
Year 5 - £102.80
Year 6 - £93.55

Total funds raised £765.14 which is a reduction of £33.63 on last year and a huge £308.63 on the last 2 years takings.

Finally since starting to use easyfundraising this year we have raised £110.15. This is zero effort on our part. We should try to make more of this tool and make sure that everyone knows how to make effective use of it.

The table below compares that takings for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and is a good tool to use in order to make informed decisions for future events.

	2017/8 Profit	2018/19 Profit	Difference
Xmas Cards	£265.16	£369.83	£104.67
Film Nights x 2	£0.00	£604.36	£604.36
Choir Carol Singing	£0.00	£188.77	£188.77
Xmas Bazaar	£1,926.11	£1,951.02	£24.91
Quiz	£271.77	£285.37	£13.60
Easter Raffle	£0.00	£55.49	£55.49
Mothers Day Gifts	£0.00	£210.08	£210.08
May Fayre	£1,623.64	£2,091.66	£468.02
School Disco	£526.43	£736.59	£210.16
Easy Fundraising	£0.00	£110.15	£110.15
Tea Towels	£0.00	£825.73	£825.73
Ice Lollies	£68.96	£104.26	£35.30
Summer Picnic	£54.56	-£87.03	-£141.59
	2017/18 Takings	2018/19 Takings	
Mufti	£459.03	£462.76	£3.73
Cook 4 Books	£798.77	£765.14	-£33.63
	£5,994.43	£8,674.18	£2,679.75

Expenditure throughout the year

The HSA funded the reflection area which was an idea put forward by pupils on the student council at a cost of £2,526.43.

The school asked for the HSA to help fund the replacement of the storage benches and repairs to the timber trail costing £366.48 and £966.25. New reading den books costing £349.85, and new blinds for the bug bungalow costing £3,238.85. There was some discussion amongst the HSA about funding the logo exercise books, but in the end we decided to support Mrs Pearce's request costing £1,401.86.

At the start of the academic year we had £11,185.02 and to date we currently have £9,505.77 in the bank. As directed by the school council we have also ear marked money to be spent on a climbing wall, which should cost around £5000 and which we're hoping will be up and running early in the next academic year.

Looking to the future

This year we felt that with our feet somewhat under the table, we were able to expand our events. This did mean higher profits and smoother running events. We would love for parents to give us feedback using our survey of things that they would like to attend. our suggestions are:

- Family Quiz night
- Family Fun run 5k along with Botley School, and West Oxford
- Auction Night
- Garage Sale
- Coffee Morning
- Swap Shop/Beauty event

Thanks

To the school office for collecting money, sending out parent mails, adding our notes into the newsletters, and answering any question.

To Pippa Hamwee for her outstanding catering at our events.

To Steve Moore and Jamie Danby for being amazing quizmasters.

To Mrs Dallimore for allowing us to use the school kitchen for our events.

To Mr Shepherd for helping at set up and clear up of our events and always having an extra extension lead!

To Stacy and Kitty for organising the Christmas Bazar raffle and to Lottie for singlehandedly taking on the Summer fair raffle.

To all the class reps for your emailing, chasing, and organising.

To the HSA helpers who lent us things, made things, set up, ran stalls, and generally helped out with whatever we asked of them!!

To all the families who gave up their time to set up, tidy up, run stalls, make games, promote events, collect raffle prizes, and everyone who came along to our events! Without you, there wouldn't be much point.

We're always looking for new volunteers to help spread the load, so if you would like to help please get in touch. The HSA is about raising money for North Hinksey School, but more than that it's about bringing families and friends together, to have a really good time, and I think we achieved that this year. See you all again next year!

(Sarah Moran, Rachael Monks and Eloise Goodhand (Co-Chairs))