

# Thurlstone Primary School PTA

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## 2012

### *Chair's Report 2012*

#### **Introduction**

Despite the difficult economic climate, a lot of hard work and commitment from all the volunteers, committee members, parents and friends of the school managed to help us reach the fantastic target of £2000 and we should all be very proud of our achievements this year.

The PTA meetings went from strength to strength and saw a number of new members. The Rag Bag scheme proved very successful whilst our old favourites such as the Harvest Crumble, Easter egg roll and Olympic summer event all helped to get people together, make new friends, and raise some vital funds for the school at the same time.

On behalf of the PTA fundraising committee, I would like to offer my grateful thanks to all those who contributed, in whatever way you could, towards our ongoing commitment to support the school and our children at Thurlstone Primary School.

#### **Thurlstone Primary School PTA Constitution.**

At our AGM in September we decided to adopt the NCPTA model constitution. This brings together all important areas for consideration, including fundraising rules, formal reporting procedures and meeting structures. This is available for anyone to see at any PTA meeting.

#### **Messages of thanks**

It would be remiss of me not to thank everyone involved in helping out on the PTA. I would especially like to personally thank Rachel Dickinson, our outgoing secretary, who has worked for many years supporting the PTA.

I would also like to thank those who have taken time to attend our meetings on a Monday evening. I like to think the meetings aren't too onerous, but dragging yourself out on a Monday evening, especially in winter, can be difficult and you should be applauded.

#### **Summary of Events/Activities 2011-12**

**The Harvest Festival's Refreshments.** As usual a well supported and popular fundraising activity.

**The Harvest Crumble** This has become a Thurlstone tradition – thank you to all those who baked and bought.

**Rag Bag** An excellent and low stress way of raising funds for our school.

**Christmas Cards** Many thanks to Kate Morrirt for researching and organising this new activity for our PTA

**Carol Singing at Tesco** A festive must – we were very proud of our pupils.

**Refreshments at the Christmas Concerts** Thank you to everyone who baked and bought.

**School Uniform Sale** A new event which helps both parents and the PTA's funds

**Easter Egg Roll** A mad half an hour of fun in the playground. Thank you to Mrs Gibbins on the loud hailer.

**Jubilee parade and Street Party** A great community event for the whole village.

**Food and Bar at the Tracksuits & Togas Party** As usual, our thanks must go to Chrissie our school cook, who helps us behind the scenes each year and John Crowther, the Chair of Governors, for his expertise behind the bar.

### **Looking Ahead.**

The money raised at these events has paid for the pupils' Christmas presents, the food and hoodies for the Year 6 leaver's party and we have donated £348.61 to school for Golden time activities. Next year we are paying for 'Team Thurlstone' tops and a new outfit for Father Christmas!

Our numbers are very small on the PTA committee and we are always looking for support in any way we can. We would welcome any offers of help or assistance, if you can spare a couple of hours from time to time, offer advice or help us out when we need it we would be extremely grateful.

We strongly believe that the ongoing success of our PTA is a sign of the dedication and commitment from all parents, carers and friends of Thurlstone Primary School and hope that you continue to support us in our ongoing efforts to help out where we can.

Thank you for taking time to read this report,

Louise Stokoe

Chair – Thurlstone Primary School PTA