

Chairperson's Annual Report 2017-18

A presentation on the A-Z of what the PC have been up to this year

* **A is for Acorn Cup**

The PC donated a new award for courage in the face of adversity to be given at prize-giving

* **B is for Bank**

Our Treasurer took on the bank and won – after a mix up we were compensated due to her persistence!

* **C is for Cooker**

A cooker is being supplied to the Life Skills group after a request was made by one of its members

* **D is for Discussion**

...from charitable status to Class Dojo, Christmas cards to child protection, interview panels, spending and info sessions. The PC talked. A lot.

* **E is for Emergency Life Support**

We asked for first aid training for children and families and this was delivered

* **F is for Families**

We've welcomed new families to the St Mary's Community and have even roped some of them onto the PC.... welcome Angela and Kirsty!

* **G is for GDPR**

The PC is now compliant and our Secretary can breathe a sigh of relief that it is all over...

* **G is also for Grant Applications**

....a team have written off for grants during the year - special thanks go to Ali B and Karen for working on this

* **H is for Headteacher**

One year, three Head Teachers, plus a complex recruitment process involving the Council, our parents, the children, school staff and the Church

* **H is also for HealthCheck**

Carried out at the start of the year, this gave us pointers to improve and see where we could work together as a committee to make the PC more effective

* **I is for Information Sessions**

...offered to new P1 and Nursery parents about what the PC does and how parents can get involved

* **J is for 'we're not JUST about the money'**

The PC has worked consistently to improve the dialogue between our school and our families

* **K is for KiltWalk**

For the second time we have a group of volunteers walking to raise funds for interactive white boards - £1400 was raised in Sep 2017!

* **L is for Logo**

We have a logo!

* **M is for Money**

Our Fantastic Fundraisers raised over £2600 and we allocated funds according to requests received from the School and Parent Forum

* **M is also for Meetings**

Monthly meetings with the HT; monthly emails to the committee; regular fundraising meetings to keep everyone in the loop; regular committee meetings

* **N is for Networking**

We've continued to build on new and existing relationships, from meetings with Rev Nick to being represented on local and national parent support forums

* **O is for Opportunities Offered**

...for people to get involved, share opinions and become more meaningfully and constructively engaged with the school community

* **P is for Parental Engagement**

An ongoing challenge: getting more and different families involved in the life of our school in more and different ways

* **Q is for Quality Repairs**

...that were carried out in our playground – with special thanks to Jan, Mr Reid, Alyson P, Simon Hunt and the Duncan and Robb families

* **R is for Repainting Railings**

...another ongoing challenge!

Huge thanks to all painters small and large who were involved with this

* **R is also for Responsibility Groups**

...who met with members of the PC to find out how the work we do can benefit theirs

* **...and also Role Descriptors**

...available so everyone can see who does what on the PC and how it all fits together

* **S is for School Improvement Plan**

Workshops were held to get meaningful parental input into the SIP

* **S is for Snow**

We were not defeated by the Beast from the East as an army of parents and helpers came out in force with shovels and grit so the school could re-open

* **T is for Travel**

...paid for by the PC to enhance the learning experience for children across the school

* **U is for Unfailing**

...energy, commitment, enthusiasm and support offered by all the Staff Team at St Mary's

* **V is for Volunteer**

We have accomplished everything we have done only because of the commitment of our volunteers.

Their contribution is significant and we do not take this for granted!

* **V is also for VSE**

The PC were asked to help with our school's Validated Self-Evaluation

* **W is for *The Wire***

Thanks go to Mrs Currie and Karen who worked with the children to keep our school's presence in the community magazine

* **X is for Kisses**

....and the hugs, flowers and words of support offered to those members of our school community who were undergoing illness, bereavement or other difficulties

* **Y is for YOU!**

How will you support our school community this year?

* **ZZZZ.....**

No time for sleeping, there's work to be done –
Our school needs YOU!

* **What's coming in 2018-19?**

Remaining alert to the needs of our school, children & families

Relationship building with our new HT, new families and new Rector

Ongoing fundraising

Supporting the school to implement the key features of the SIP & helping parents to understand their role in this

A parental support group for children who are on staged intervention

PC website & promotional banner to increase our reach

Helping to implement the Youth Awards & develop new school values

Thank you for watching