

Watling View Parent Staff Association Chair's Report Academic Year 2016/2017

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What we do

The Parent Staff Association at Watling View raises money throughout the year to provide much needed funding for the school. Membership is open to all parents, carers and members of staff so if you would like to get involved you will be very welcome. We also aim to provide a number of social events during the year to enable families to get together. Please contact me at lucy.rayner@btinternet.com if you'd like any further information about what we do or have any fundraising ideas.

Highlights for this year

The PSA has had an incredible year, raising just under £45,000! We were specifically raising funds for a **new school minibus** (pictured below) and I'm delighted to say that we were able to purchase the bus in May 2017. This was raised by a combination of grants, donations and events. In contrast with recent years, during the academic year 2016/2017 the bulk of our funds were raised by successfully applying for various grants and some very generous individual donations. Indeed over £23k was obtained through just three charitable trusts, which was amazing. Our thanks go to David Josephs for his excellent grant application abilities! Please see Treasurer's Report for full details on donations throughout the year.

We also raised a fantastic £3.3k through PSA events. This included the Christmas raffle and fair (£1.5k), the quiz night (£850), the football envelope draw (£500) and the Easter raffle (£300). Our particular thanks to Malcolm Driscoll (School Governor) for once again organising a very successful quiz/fish and chip night and John Mills for the brilliant WV Premier League draw!

Clearly, the new minibus accounted for the bulk of PSA expenditure during the year (c£38k) although we were also able to fund a Touch and Tilt interactive screen, and a couple of trips out for the students.



In addition to the various fundraising activities we held a number of events to enable Watling View families to meet up and socialise. This is particularly important for a school like WV, where parents/carers do not get the same opportunity to meet in the playground. We have had a number of coffee mornings and most recently a family picnic. Again if you have any ideas for socials or any other PSA events please do get in touch.

I would like to end by saying a **huge thank you** to all on the PSA Committee and indeed all the parents and carers who help out during the year; we really couldn't do it without you!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to two of our Committee Members at the next AGM. Many many thanks to Barbara Gatehouse and David Josephs for all the hours that they have put in to fundraising and helping at PSA events, they will be sorely missed!

Looking forward to the 2017/2018 year when we are hoping to have another Rock Choir concert and of course will be holding our usual Christmas Raffle, etc.

Lucy Rayner
Chair