



PTA Newsletter



July 2015

A word from the Chair.....

The summer holidays are almost upon us and I am excited to report that we have had another very successful year. I'd like to begin with a **HUGE** thank you to the children and parents of the New Forest School, the staff and governors and our local community who have made this possible with their support and enthusiasm for our events during the year.

As in the previous year, we have not only hit our £15,000 target, but in fact exceeded it and in total since September 2014, we have raised almost **£16,500!** This is another record-breaking year for us, a tremendous amount and, most importantly, valuable funding for the children at our school.

A few weeks ago we held our biggest event of the year: The Summer Fayre on Nomansland Green. The Fayre was an overwhelming success. We made a profit of nearly **£5600**, equalling the record amount we made 2 years ago. This is a tremendous sum of money for our children and is mostly because of your generosity at the Fayre as well as your donations in the run up to it. Sadly there are too many people to thank in this newsletter, however I would like to mention Sarah Mansbridge, Rachel Jones and Denise Pring who organised and ran this year's fayre brilliantly. They worked tirelessly for months and I can't thank them enough! Also, thank you to Natalie Crates and Jeanie Creber who ran the Silent Auction and Raffle, both huge undertakings.

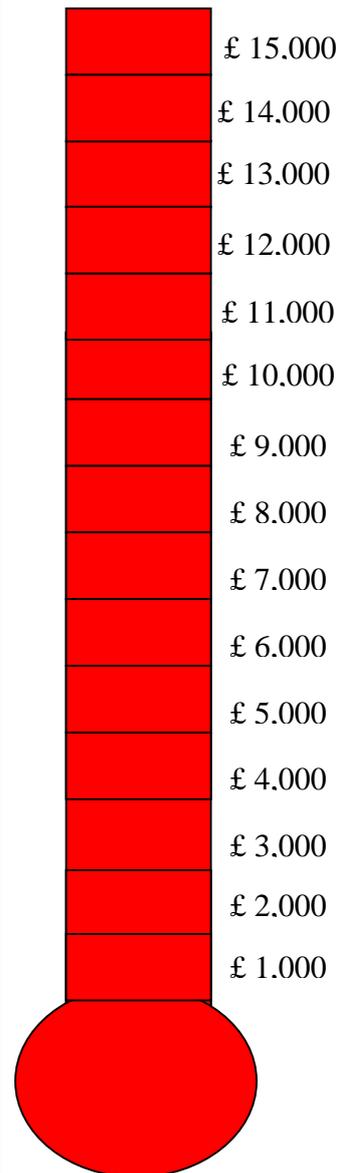
I would also like to mention our superb Hog Roast on Friday. Nomansland Rec played host to nearly 300 people enjoying the delicious hog roast, refreshments and of course our fab live band – The Red River Hogs. This really was a magical evening. A **BIG** thank you to Chris and Helen Vincent for organising the event, as well as Michelle Francis for the delicious Hog Roasts.

This year your money has subsidised a great deal! Purchases have included Interactive White Boards (vital for learning in the classroom), cordless microphones, guided reading books, country dancing uniforms, musical instruments, phonics books, dictionaries, art equipment, a contribution to the building work, digital cameras, a computer trolley as well as a Forest Friday trolley and Christmas books and entertainment,

Finally, I would like to thank the PTA for all their efforts this year. As many of you know, I officially step down from this role in October and so this will be my last newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed chairing the committee and running events over the last 3 years. I couldn't have done this without such a supportive, lovely group of people on the PTA Committee. It has been a great team effort! Thank you.

Dudley Jaynes

*P.S. We are always looking for new members and particularly this coming year as much of the old committee are stepping down. We now have a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary for next year however we do need more general members. Please contact the school or myself on dudleyjaynes@hotmail.com if you would like to become involved. It is a great way to meet people and lots of fun! **The funds raised by the PTA are crucial to support our children's education***



- PTA Annual General Meeting - Monday 5th October 2015, 8pm at The Landford Site in the hall.



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