

# Park Hill PTA Newsletter: Summer Term 2018 Special



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**Editorial:** Hope you enjoyed our last newsletter – thanks for the positive comments we received. This one is our 'summer special' – an opportunity to look back over recent events but also capture what we have achieved since September 2017. Read on to find out what you have helped us to raise and how these vital funds have been spent. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued support! And remember, we're always here at [parkhilljuniorpta@gmail.com!](mailto:parkhilljuniorpta@gmail.com)

## PTA volunteer perspective: Katie Kinsella

"Park Hill school pond was rather neglected and in desperate need of a re-vamp to enable the children to use the area for pond dipping and learning about habitats and ecosystems. Children can learn about the variety of wildlife supported here, even within the school grounds. The area has been cleared, fencing has been weather-shielded, new gravel laid, trees and bramble cut back and new ID charts displayed. I hope that now this resource can be used more fully for outdoor learning, and developed and maintained further – there's still work to do, including squirrel-proof feeders to be bought. Next is the gardening area with replacement beds being constructed to potentially include a herb garden, wildflower meadow for butterflies and bees, veg and strawberry beds. I hope that both the garden and the pond will be enjoyed and maintained by the children and will enhance their learning."



Thanks to Katie's hard work and the funds you have raised the pond now looks great!

**TOTAL FUNDS YOU  
RAISED SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2017:**

**£8302.88**



## YOU SAID....WE DID.....

We like to think we are a 'listening PTA' and last year you said this..... So we moved the Treasure Hunt to April, for what turned out to be the coldest weekend ever! Still....**over 60 families joined us** on the day and the feedback has been great. Thanks for being terribly British and enduring the temperatures to join us!

"We love the Treasure Hunt...but it was too cold in November!"



## FUNDRAISING TOTALS FOR OUR MAIN EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN 2017-18

Parents' Night In: £316.90  
Christmas Fair: **£1421.09**  
Christmas Cards: £650.75  
Easter Hampers: £436.30  
Treasure Hunt: £228.82  
Mother's/Father's Day gifts: £337.28  
Discos (2): **£1492.62**  
Five-a-side Football: £62.50  
Movie Night: £212.35  
Bingo Night: £498.20  
Beetle Drive: £39.40  
Summer Fair: **£2477.32**



Thanks to your fundraising, Park Hill children now have....a den building kit, netball kit, new goal posts, lots of 'craze of the week' toys, beautiful art in the school hall, a Christmas theatre visit for all, new PE bags and leaver's books, a new PA system, a re-vamped pond...and coming up, brand new stage lights and £4000 worth of reading materials! Yay!

# Thorns PTA Newsletter: Summer Term

**Total funds raised in 2017-18:  
£9711.58**

**What a year we've had!** Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support, without which we could not have raised such an incredible amount of money for the school. Thank you also for completing the PTA survey – you've given us some lovely feedback so far on our events and plenty of food for thought going into 2018-19! We hope this newsletter offers a celebration of what we have achieved together.

Remember stay in touch with us at [thornspta@gmail.com](mailto:thornspta@gmail.com) or through our private Facebook group (search for 'Thorns PTA').



## What did our main events/activities raise?

- Valentine's Movie: £157.50
- Afternoon with Santa: £910.00
- Christmas Cards: £253.00
- Cakes sales (all): £1002.57
- Easter Eggstravaganza: £577.38
- Quiz Night: £394.80
- Mother's/Father's Day gifts: £287.73
- Bags to School: £140.00
- Storytime Sprint: £1002.60
- Diamond Disco: £317.00
- Lions Show: £217.24
- Scarecrow Trail: £1301.86
- Summer Fair: £2164.21



Lion's Show



Scarecrow Trail



Quiz



Summer Fair

What you said about the Summer Fair....

"Brilliant fun and well organised!"

"It was fantastic!"

"Great day!"

## New things we have funded this year....

Christmas pantomime, dinosaur workshop, swimming storage boxes, caps for school trips, maths equipment, torches, butterfly chrysalis kits, storage units, owl pellets, veg and flower boxes, Christmas presents, book bags, magnetic boards, posters, laptops and software, water filters, end of term ice-creams and £4000 worth of reading resources. Feels good! 😊

## Fun Fact!

We have raised a yummy **£1002** at year group cakes sales this year!

Which means each Thorns class has its own, new resources!

## Top 3 fundraisers for 2017-18!



## Happy birthday Thorns!



## A big thank you to.....

It wasn't just Thorns families who helped us to raise funds this year. Lots of local businesses contributed items, offered sponsorship or support or gave donations so thank you to: Sainsbury's, Tesco, Baker's Dozen, Brian Holt, Kenilworth Sweet Shop, Hallmark, Atkinson Stilgoe, Kenilworth Books, Steve Crowe Butchers, Whitemoor Road Chippy, Leys Lane Pharmacy, Time for Tea and the Tiltyard.

