



Headteacher's Report

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The Plaxtol School Parent School Association (PSA) plays a vital, multi-faceted role in the life of the school; this has been the case historically and continues to be so.

The PSA provides

- A strong **link** between the school, parents and the community so that we are all working together e.g. link with 'Friends of Plaxtol', local contractors
- A **communication** pathway which helps to keep everyone up to date and informed e.g. class reps
- A forum for **sharing** view and ideas e.g. regular PSA meetings
- A **support** network for the school, the Headteacher and for parents
- A **team** of people who are willing to contribute their time, energy and skills e.g. swimming pool, after school clubs, 'projects'.
- Financial support through **fund-raising** events

All of these together demonstrate an enormous commitment on the part of the parents of our school to work together to enhance the learning of our pupils – to provide the best learning opportunities, the best learning environment and the best resources possible.

Since joining the school in September 2015 I have been overwhelmed, in an extremely positive way, at the level of support that has been offered to the school and to myself personally through the PSA. The four new co-chairs appointed to take the PSA forward have embraced their role and within a short space of time have had a really positive impact.

So far this year there have been a number of hugely successful fundraising events, incl. Halloween Festivities, Firework Display, Christmas Fair and Ramble, Amble, Hunt. These events have been well supported by parents, friends and the community and given a real boost to the PSA's fundraising efforts.

We have had lots of volunteers so far this year to help improve the learning environment both inside and outside of our school. No job has been too big or small. Parents have been involved in decorating our hall, putting up shelves, sorting books, planting, weeding and pruning...

As we progress further into the summer months I know that we already have people committed to running the swimming pool, supporting swimming sessions and helping to develop our wildlife area.

The donations that are made to the school, from fund-raising by the PSA, are so important to the school and really enrich every child's learning experience. So far this year the money has been used to:

support the running/maintenance of the swimming pool, provide in-class resources (incl. stationery, pupil workbooks, soft furnishings for reading corners, new resources for EYFS outdoor area, display boards), allow all pupils to have a year's access to 3P Learning to enhance their reading, spelling and maths skills.

The school staff, governors, pupils and myself wish to say an enormous **THANK YOU** to the PSA and all our parents for the hard work and commitment that has been invested in the school to date and for everything that is to come in the future.

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