

Friends of Broadbottom Primary School (AKA Broadbottom PTA)

Notice of AGM: Thursday 14th November 2019, 7.30pm @ School

Key achievements in the academic year 2018 – 2019

Firstly, a massive thanks to everyone involved in the fundraising events that have taken place over the last 12 months. For such a small school we have managed to raise an amazing amount of money, which is testament to the good will and community spirit at Broadbottom Primary School.

Over the year we raised an impressive **£2,371.23**.

A range of activities and events took place over the year; the biggest school based income generator was the Christmas Fair and related activities raising £545.64.

Two large community based fundraisers also took place co-ordinated by parents from Broadbottom Primary School and Broadbottom Pre-School. The annual Pre-loved event raised £866.90 (including the bag2school weigh in) and the new Broadies Bingo raised £349.93.

Some smaller school events took place over the year where the emphasis had been on raising funds but also providing fun activities for the children. These included 2 school discos, an Easter Trail, and dressing in red for Valentine's Day. These raised £340.16.

In addition, PTA also provided refreshments at events throughout the year including parent pride assemblies, on sports day (where second hand school uniform was also sold) and achievement night. These activities raised £268.60.

A special thanks to all parents, grandparents, school staff and fellow PTA committee members for your combined efforts in planning, donating, raffling, pouring, wrapping, counting and lugging amongst many other tasks; without your efforts, these activities would not have taken place and the amounts raised would not have been reached.

During the year this funded:

Leavers Hoodies 2018 £245.32, PTA insurance and membership £105, Kids Hi Visibility Vests £162.79 and Leavers Hoodies 2019 £243.95. A total of £757.06 was spent.

The PTA committee was also approached by the school to support the redevelopment of the playground and it agreed to commit £1,000 towards this venture. (This figure will show in 2019-2020 accounts)

Total of £1757.06 spent or committed during 2018-2019.

Next steps for supporting school and announcement of AGM:

After half term, there will be an **Annual General Meeting (AGM) at School at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th November** where we can discuss and agree next steps. As previously indicated, if you are interested in the future of the PTA, or perhaps more importantly raising funds for the school in general, then please come along to the meeting. (I appreciate that some of you may not be able to

make evening meetings, as I am sure you will understand we ultimately have to choose one date and time; future meetings can have a much greater degree of flexibility).

Perhaps you have fresh ideas about how we can move forward? The PTA is a charity and as all members of the PTA who are currently officers have already or will be formally stepping down at the AGM, if no-one is able to take up these positions, then as a last resort we may need to 'wind up' the charity. It is important to note that the charitable status of the PTA does have advantages including allowing us to access funds from grant making trusts that schools sometimes are unable to access directly; plus trying to re-instate a charitable status for the PTA in the future may be challenging and time consuming. It would not however stop us fundraising for the school; parents and school staff would just have to take a different approach.

The remaining funds raised during 2018-2019 are available for activities or items that will further support the school and children. The school have mentioned possible options this year including: new laptops, support towards coach costs for trips and enhanced library provisions. These will be discussed again at the AGM.

In the meantime if you would like to help the school in the run up to the Christmas Fair which is being co-ordinated by school this year, please let the school office know as they would love to hear from people who can help out.

Once again, thank you to all involved and I hope that there is now an opportunity for new people to come along, get involved and support the school!

Rebecca Threlfall, Vice-Chair, on behalf of Broadbottom PTA