



**Introduction:**

The NSA has had an eventful year. We welcomed some new members and appointed a new secretary. The committee has shown a huge amount of commitment and contributed to a highly successful year for fundraising and fun for the school. Most significantly, the NSA had to move out of their storage shed to make way for a new classroom. We don't miss the leaky old building and were very pleased to hear that we would get a new storage space. This means the NSA will be able to continue to work the way we do to raise money for the school. The Pavilion was designed to incorporate an area the children can use to play and shelter as well as providing storage and a serving hatch for us to sell cakes and ice creams. We can't wait to start using it to its full capacity.



**The Committee**

This year we said goodbye to Claire Heaton. She will be missed for her hard work and creativity and supportive nature. The committee currently consists of:

Chair: Jackie Bland (0 year remaining, for re-election)

Vice Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Anna Frost (1 year remaining)

Secretary: Sarah Patrick (1 year remaining)

Headmaster: Alan Garnett

Teacher: Colleen Palmer

Member: Michelle Fines (0 year remaining, for re-election)

Member: Anita Mander (1 year remaining)

Member: Celine Marsh (1 year remaining)

Member: Julia McKechnie (1 year remaining)

## **Events and Fundraisers**

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success. The committee have worked hard to create a festive atmosphere and the feedback in the playground has been very positive. We have also had great support from parents and children helping out on stalls and heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who gave up their time to help. The two discos were huge fun. The sponsored event was again a huge success. The penny race was very competitive again with Mr Armitage's class winning by a long margin again! The Summer Fete went very well this year despite last-minute change due to poor weather. Again, parents and children pulled out all the stops to help out on the day.

This year has also seen the continuation of the Bag2Schools scheme whereby parents are encouraged to donate unwanted clothes in return for cash. Uptake should improve as parents become used to the event.

As well as a quiz night we organised a Bingo night with Mr Garnett doing a splendid job as caller. Both parents and children filled the hall and as well as raising money for the school, all agreed it was a great night which should be repeated.

This year, and following on from Claire Heaton's successful fund-raising cake sales, we continued this throughout the summer. This was very popular with children and parents alike.

## **Funds Allocated**

This year, as well as contributing to the 'Instruments for All' scheme, the NSA also paid for days out for Reception, KS1 and 2. As usual, we treated year 6's to a bowling afternoon at the end of the summer term. The NSA pavilion was jointly funded by the NSA and the school. We were also able to part fund the Choir's trip to the Albert Hall.

## **The year ahead**

The committee are keen to capitalise on the gains of the last year and to that end there are a number of issues to progress and develop over the coming year:

- Election of Vice Chair
- Increase number of followers on Facebook
- CRB checks
- Regular cake sales

Jackie Bland

Chair, North School Association