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# What do Parents, Teachers & Supporters get up to??

Well, the acronym PTA sounds boring doesn't it? - but far from it we have great fun,

*'FUN for all the Parent's Teachers, Supporters and the CHILDREN'!*

*Thought you might like to know some of the things we have been up to over the past year that we have organised and paid for out of the funds we make:*



**School Disco** - Children have a great time dancing with their friends. We hire a DJ and give out great dance prizes. Parents and teachers like to join in and dance too, although they don't really like to admit it!!! One teacher was even vying for a dance prize - who could that have been????

**Movie Nights** - Children love watching movies with their friends. We have shown:



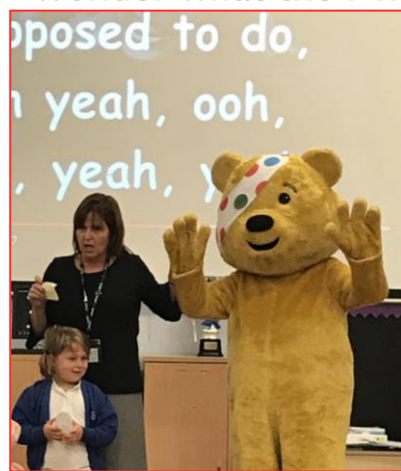
Children bring their favourite teddy/blanket with them and come along in their 'onesies/pyjamas'. Hotdogs and other goodies are available, often donated by local businesses such as the Coop, Station Pub, Black Bull. We go out and about hunting for donations, go shopping and then ensure all is ready and exciting so the

**children have a great fun evening!**

**November - we welcomed Pudsey Bear to School  
Wonder what the PTA had to do with Pudsey??**



He met a VIP



He gave certificates out



Even gave hugs



& had a sing along

## CHRISTMAS TIME

**Christmas Fair** - In December the school is vibrating with activities and excitement. The children love making things for the Christmas stalls and coming along to play the variety of games, including having a go at the 'Chocolate' tombola. The **School choir sings** AND of course we have a fab 'Santa's Grotto' including 'elves'. AND refreshments including 'mulled wine' & cakes. Local businesses get involved too.

We provided refreshments at the wonderful 'Nativity'



**Easter Bingo** - This is a favourite fun activity for everyone. Chocolate eggs are won by playing bingo. This year we had so many eggs donated by parents we donated some back to the school.

**GALA June/July** We prepared for the village Gala, the theme was 'Beside the Seaside'. It's great getting your hands full of glue and paint 🎨 AND meeting new people.

I'M HAVING AN AMAZING TIME



Exciting or what?

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS & TEACHERS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO



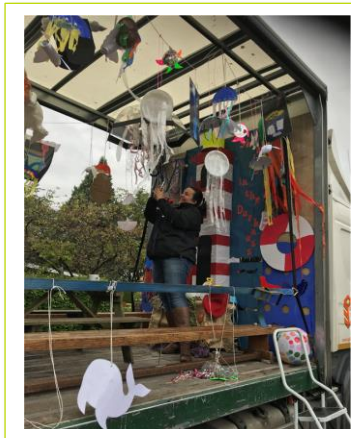
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Team work-what it's all about



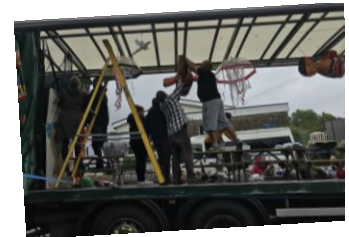
**What an achievement! WELL DONE**



Lindsay adding the finishing touches



**SCHOOL GALA FLOAT READY TO GO**



**WHAT A TURN OUT OF CHILDREN WE HAD - EVEN IN THE RAIN - FANTASTIC**

**WE DID ICE LOLLY FRIDAY'S THROUGHOUT JUNE**



nothing like an ice lolly to cool you down after a loooong week at school.

Then of course there was SPORTS DAY - Running, Eating, Barbecue, Medals - A great Team effort made it a wonderful day.



There are many other things we love to help with and pay for too, and behind the scenes we do lots more eg:

- ✚ Renew annual license fees
- ✚ Constantly visit the supermarket for hospitality provision
- ✚ Update websites like the Charities Commission
- ✚ Keep a check of the money
- ✚ Keep Facebook updated with latest events
- ✚ Produce posters
- ✚ Provide hospitality for meetings like New Parents Evening
- ✚ Book Electricians
- ✚ Go raffle prize hunting
- ✚ Complete funding applications
- ✚ Go to the Bank

**BUT** the main aim is to make everything exciting for **OUR** children and raise money that will go towards helping enhance their life at school.

The Parents and Teachers meet regularly throughout the year and the minutes of each meeting are circulated to all parents/guardians. Come along to the meeting - PLEASE, the next one is on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

We are on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PTAcatonstpauls/> and have a PTA page on the School website. We are also a member of Parent Kind <https://www.parentkind.org.uk> which you may find really useful as a parent.

#### **Caton St Paul's School PTA is also a member of Easy Fund Raising (EFR)**

If you shop online with retailers such as Argos, M&S, Sainsburys, ebay, Booking.com, **please join** Easy Fundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and choose 'Caton St Paul's' as your Charity. There are many more retailers that work with EFR and we receive a quarterly cheque, so even a little will add up to help our children and School, especially as it is nearing Christmas.

Between all the parents and Teachers at Caton St Paul's School we have a wealth of expertise, we need to keep raising money and need your help to do this - so come on and help us with events and raise money, you'll have great fun. Without YOUR HELP we would not be able to continue to help OUR children thrive and work in the best environment there could be.

We raised lots of money this past year and besides providing towards the funding for all the things mentioned above we also paid for the coach for all the school to go to the panto at Christmas, Medals, one for each child at Sports day, Disco dancing prizes and paid for the end of year outing for all the children in year 6.

This year we have already agreed to pay for the bus to the panto for the whole school again. Pay £100 towards the Choir's 'Young Voices' trip in January. Paid £600 towards a defibrillator for the School and Community.

We hope you and your children are enjoying life at our fantastic School, Caton St Paul's and we look forward to you getting involved with Parent and Teacher activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Julie, Chair PTA Board

Board members: Lindsay, Rosie, Ellie

**"one family, belonging, believing and learning together"**