

Your Say 2017 – survey results

The PTA would like to thank everyone who responded to the annual PTA survey. We want to involve as many parents as possible in our annual funding decisions and were reassured that **88% of people felt we had the balance right**, with only 5 people feeling we could spend more on resources versus activities. **Sports and recreation equipment** and investment in **maths, science, music and arts** were shared as ideas for future funding which we will discuss with school staff as we go forward.

Most importantly, we asked your opinion on what we should fund this year. The top priorities were resources for **nature based learning**, further funding for **iPads**, and increased use of **drama** in school. Each will receive funding of approximately £600. The remaining ideas were considered not as high priorities this year. Feedback suggested that any additional funding for transport should be for those who might otherwise be unable to participate in trips, as part of our fair access funding, rather than further funding for the minibus.

This year's survey responses were all positive, with many people giving high praise for what the PTA does. Comments and suggestions have resulted in an **action plan** (available on the school website). If you would like to read the full survey results, please contact us and we will send you this.

One area feedback said we should fund more is **outside musical instruments**. The PTA has funded outside external musical instruments which we began to install before the summer. Sadly, children didn't treat them with the respect they needed and several were damaged, so we are currently considering the best way to make these available.

We received feedback on individual PTA initiatives, including the **Christmas Card Project**, which 91% of people agreed we should continue. We asked where and when the **Summer Smasher** should be held, and 56% of people voted for the Cricket Club at the weekend, so we have agreed a date (15th July) with the Cricket Club, but will review this decision on a yearly basis.

The survey confirmed that the variety of methods we keep parents informed means parents have different ways to access the information they want. The least used source of information was the PTA's pages on the school website. The pages (<http://www.hayfieldprimaryschool.org.uk/?q=pta>) which should answer most questions parents have about the PTA and how it works, and is where booking forms are located for different events. You can also follow us on **Facebook** and read updates in the **school** and **PTA newsletters**.

We introduced some new activities last year, including **Chocolate Bingo night**. 38% of said it was great, and whilst 53% of people missed out last year, they can join in this year – Chocolate Bingo is on Friday 9th February!

96% of people thought **movie nights** were great and should be continued, and 47% of people felt the **School Lottery** was a positive addition to fundraising activity. If you were amongst those who didn't know anything about it, find out more on the PTA website pages. A number of parents said they were interested in organising a **school disco**, and we will be discussing this with them shortly. If you would like to join the disco divas, please let us know.

Our main way of raising funds is via events, and we hold several a year; in the week and at weekends, with activities for both adults and children. We aim to have some events that are the same each year, but we'd love to try new things, so please share any ideas for activities for the PTA to try.