

# Simmondley School Parents' Association



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## Chair's Report (Sept 2014 ~ August 2015)

First can I say Welcome to everyone and thank you for coming along tonight. I can confirm that we are quorum so that's a result within itself.

This is the first chair report I have done – after taking over from the previous Chair Karen Harbut in October 2015.

Unfortunately Karen is not here tonight but I want to officially say thank you from the PA and the staff and children of Simmondley Primary School for her hard work and dedication to the PA over the past few years.

What an amazing year of fundraising we have had.

We had the events that we normally run such as the disco and fairs as well as the Easter Tea. We had a slight change this year to an event – rather than use Tropical Inc we used Ranger Rob – the feedback we have had from parents was that this session was a lot more interactive than Tropical Inc and it was great that all children got to hold the animal which included snakes and tarantulas.

This year for me was about bedding in and building relationships. We had a couple of disasters which were averted – one being popcorn on popcorn night – why I thought my small popcorn maker could make popcorn for 100 children I don't know but thanks to the thinking of Mr Smith and amazing popcorn making skills of Jane and Julie – the children got popcorn!

This year has definitely been a learning curve for me and going forward I believe we need to continue putting on fantastic events that our children enjoy and we can make a profit on that goes back into the school.

This year we have saved a vast amount of money through Jon being able to get sweets for the school disco – thanks Jon for this and for running a football stall at the Summer Fair.

We also received a healthy sum of money via match funding through Adele place of employment. Thank you Adele for this and going forward we need to see if other parents place of employment offer this and see if we can access this.

This year brought the return of the Grand Raffle at the Summer Fair – this made nearly £1000 on its own and I just want to say thank you to Mike for arranging the raffle - from for the amazing donations we received and for this and tickets .

Mrs Kimberley will drill down the figures in her treasurers' report that she is going to present to you shortly.

I got lots more to say about the PA website, continuing our good working relationship with the school, the enterprise stalls that were done at the summer fair which were fabulous, new committee member Julia and her fabulous recruiting of volunteers to help at the events but quite frankly I think we all want to get home early tonight! As I could be here all night!!

So finally I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone for all for your hard work, new ideas, enthusiasm and support this last year. Without you I wouldn't have got through it – special mention to Sonia who is on her 10th year of being a PA committee member and who before events would get numerous texts from me asking questions!!! !! Thank you. We are all here for to benefit the children of Simmondley primary school children and with your help with will continue to do this again successfully this forthcoming school year.

Jacqui Tomlinson  
Chair of Simmondley School PA