

## Outdoor classroom

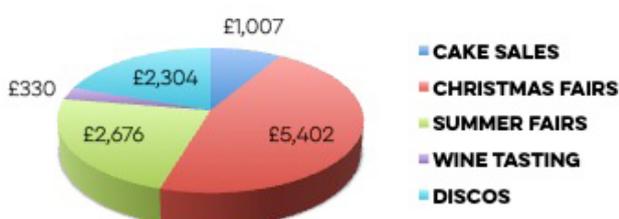
Happy new year all! Welcome to the first TSA newsletter of 2017. By the time you read this, **the school's fantastic brand-new outdoor classroom – fully funded by the TSA – will have been installed in the quad.**



Those of you who are in the school during school hours (and those whose children talk about what they do all day in school!) will know how much the school uses its outdoor space – not just for breaktimes and PE, but for outdoor lessons, reading sessions, art teaching, creative writing and even play rehearsals, to name but a few activities. The new outdoor classroom will enable teachers to spend even more time outdoors with the children even if the weather isn't great. Better still, it has storage so will be a fully equipped classroom in its own right, without the need to carry out equipment every time a class takes place outdoors.

Here's a breakdown to show how funds were raised for the classroom; as you can see, every penny you spend at school events contributes to the funding of such large-scale purchases, which benefit all children at Thameside.

### AMOUNTS



Prior to the new outdoor classroom, TSA events over the last few years have funded new stage lighting and microphones, paid for the outdoor literacy area and story chair, bought 30 glockenspiels for music teaching and put money towards various workshops, school trips and even a reindeer visit.

## Chair and vice-chair needed URGENTLY to enable TSA to continue its work

The current TSA organisers are a friendly, lively group of people who really enjoying socialising and having fun while raising valuable funds for Thameside.

Many of the current TSA committee are now in our fourth and fifth year of organising and running TSA events, and although many of us still want to be involved, the time has come for some of us to take a step back to focus on other things. In particular, this applies to the current chair, Gerry.

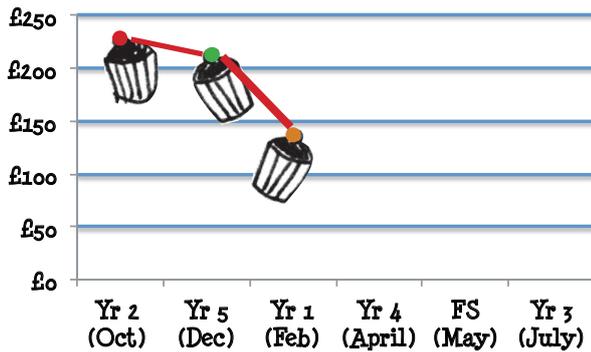
**In order for the TSA to be able to continue organising profitable, fun events to raise funds, we urgently need a few more enthusiastic, committed new recruits to join the committee, including a chair and vice-chair.**

Current planned events include the quiz night (24 Feb), school disco (31 March) and the treasure hunt (6 May) but although we hope to have a summer fair on 24 June, we need a lead organiser to run the fair (with help from current committee members) and a chair to oversee the running and co-ordinating of all future events. Without someone enthusiastic and committed to take on these responsibilities, the TSA cannot run large-scale events like the summer fair.

So, if you value what the TSA does and are able to spare a few hours throughout the year to join the TSA committee in these important roles, please get in touch **NOW!**

## Year 1 Cake Sale

The third cake sale of the school year raised a **healthy £143.50** – well done!! Next up is Year 4... let's see whether you can get that curve to go back up!



## Disco fever

The second disco of the school year on Friday **31 March** will be open to Reception children, so if you want to get your first taste of the most popular and profitable event in the TSA calendar and be there as a parent helper, put it in your diary now...

### STAY TUNED!

To keep up with what's going on with the TSA, join us on **Facebook** (Thameside School Association TSA) keep an eye out for posters and flyers (now also on **our own noticeboard in the bus shelter!**) or just come and talk to us (often seen hanging round near the front gate...)

**Take the Thameside challenge!**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY**

**24 FEBRUARY**

**8-11PM**

- **Licensed bar!**
- **Come as a team or join up with others on the night!**
- **Prize for the winning team!**

Tickets available from 17 February  
at the gates of Thameside Primary School, Harley Road  
or contact [thamesidesa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thamesidesa@hotmail.co.uk)

### QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Got your ticket yet? The legendary Quiz Night is just around the corner. Join us for an entertaining night with new rounds, tasty nibbles and a well-stocked bar. Tickets available at the gates and by ticket slip (which you should have received through children's book bags). Spare slips at the school office and on flyers coming home after half term.