



Dear Elmsett parents/carers and staff,  
Thank you for your support throughout 2013/14 and at this years PTA AGM. At this meeting, we reported on the achievements of Elmsett PTA over the last year, elected our new committee mebers and announced our initial plans for this school year.

For those of you who weren't able to join us, here is a quick summary of the headlines:

### **1. Achievements**

Over the last year, Elmsett PTA raised a whopping **£6762**. After expenses, we had **£4608** of profit.

The major components of this profit were:

Summer Fair	£2106
Autumn Fair	£1157
Murder Mystery Evening	£454
Lottery	£208
Christmas Craft Day	£135
Christmas Lunch	£131
Sponsorship	£126
Easter Craft Day	£123

In total, we donated **£3044** to the school. The following major donations were made by PTA:

iPADs for Otters, Hedgehogs and SENCO	£993
Hedgehogs play equipment	£500
Eaton Vale coach	£400
Panto coach	£350
Cooking sessions	£150
Competition leotards	£135
Leavers book tokens	£130
Vocabulary and grammar books	£121

Additionally: air dry clay; engraving; allotment supplies; Owls gardening supplies; SATS ice lollies; swimming First Aid Kit.

We are delighted with this achievement and want to thank you all for your support. Asked about what difference our PTA makes to the school, Mrs Burdiss said “The support of PTA and all parents at the school is hugely appreciated by staff. Funding is an issue for the school and so all donations are very important to us.”

## 2. New Committee and how to get in touch

The committee members for the next year, elected at the AGM are:

Chair: Carol Sephton                      Vice-chairs: Victoria Gregory and Holly Farthing

Treasurer: Stacey Emsden      Vice-treasurer: Jane Morris

Secretary: Fiona Beaumont

PTA members:

Julie Brown, Elaine Burdiss, Jane Hyde, Kris Irwin, Frances Kearn, Ally Leach, Lesley Long, Wendy Milton, Sadie Oxley, Anne Webster

You can contact the PTA by e-mail ([carol@abacusfas.co.uk](mailto:carol@abacusfas.co.uk)), through our **website** [www.elmsettpta.btck.co.uk](http://www.elmsettpta.btck.co.uk) or speak to one of us in the playground.

## 3. PTA Plans

PTA has already agreed the following events and dates:

Autumn Fair: 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5.30pm in the school hall

Christmas Shopping Evening: 28<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm in the village hall

Secret Room: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

## 4. Get involved

Our events are only made possible by having lots of helpers and we make it as easy as possible for you to get involved. If you've got a skill to share please let us know.

Currently we are looking for helpers to:

- set up and man stalls at the autumn fair
- ticket tombola prizes
- solicit raffle prizes for Christmas shopping night
- set-up and serve refreshments at Christmas shopping night
- wrap presents for Secret Room

and donations of:

- cakes, sweets, bric-a-brac, books, soft toys and school uniform for autumn fair
- an unwanted freezer or fridge/freezer
- Christmas wrapping paper or tags

We break down all our helper sessions into one hour slots. This makes it really easy for you to get involved, especially if you are coming along anyway. The parent rota will generally be in the office just before an event.

This year our main fundraising objectives are to contribute to:

- a new tyre trial and astro turf for the playground
- iPads for Badgers and Owls

Any help you can give us will directly benefit the children as we support this target.