



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No: 1062916

RAPSA would once again like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents, carers and staff who have given their time and energy to help organise and attend RAPSA events. Whilst the primary purpose of the events is to raise funds for the school, they are also crucial to maintaining cohesion in an expanded school, encouraging social interaction within and across the years.

FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR (2016/2017)

Current figures show that collectively we raised £34,621 last year. This figure is made up as follows:

EVENTS/FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES	
Quiz Night	£1,561
Christmas Cards	£1,834
Christmas Fair	£4,444
Christmas Coffee and Mince Pies	£424
Christmas Choir Concert (bar)	£239
Calendars	£258
Jumble Sales	£6,564
Bedtime Stories	£212*
Boogie Nights	£1,173
Spring Fair	£1,822
Off the Rail Sale	£3,688
Children's Disco	£1,290
Bollywood	£1,286
Fun Day	£7,624
Summer Concert (bar)	£111
Year 6 Leavers Show (bar)	£298
Orchestra & Y3 Choir Concert (bar)	£131
Cake Sales	£1,628
Toyhood coffee morning	£34

CAKE SALE BREAKDOWN	
Halloween	£415
Reception	£233
Nevros Festival	£76
Yr 1	£238
Yr 2	£206
Yr 4	£170
Yr 5	£179
Yr 6	£111

HOW RAPSA FUNDS WERE SPENT

The children returned from their summer holiday to a brand new playground. Much of the infant playground and the nursery playground have been covered in astro-turf play surface with new climbing equipment installed in both. The children love the new play opportunities and kinder, softer surface, and the improvements have made the entire playground suitable for use all year round. RAPSA contributed £30,000 towards these works. We would like to thank all parents for their continued support, without which this project would not have been possible.

In 2016/2017 RAPSA provided the school with:

- ❖ £30,000 towards the redevelopment of the infant playground
- ❖ A table football for the junior playground

In addition, and in keeping with the last few years, RAPSA also provided the school with funds for:

- ❖ Financial support for school trips
- ❖ Summer term tennis lessons for all pupils
- ❖ Additional classroom supplies for teachers

RAPSA AGM

The RAPSA AGM was on Tuesday 17th October. Thank you to all who came, and congratulations to our new Committee!

Co-Chairs: Claire Pape and Julie Harrison

Co-Treasurers: Karen Konowalchuk and Sheena Patel

Secretary: Helen Gerolaki

Class Rep Coordinator: Rachel Sanders

A big thank you to Anna Sanchez, Meera Ganatra and Natalie Tilbury for all their hard work and time dedicated to RAPSA.

All parents are automatically members of RAPSA so have your say! If you have any suggestions or feedback, please email us at rapsa@hotmail.co.uk

* payment made directly to the school account



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EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

Fairs and evening events

Each term there is one fair for the children (adults can have fun at these too!) and one evening event for adults. Look out for the emails and posters and please do support your school by coming along to the events.

Cake sales

The cake sales are spread out throughout the year and each year group takes a turn to bake and run the sale. Sales are on Fridays – look out for the posters.

Jumble sales

There are two jumble sales a year – one in the autumn term and one in the summer term. The jumble sales are a fantastic fundraiser as well as a useful public recycling service.

WEBSITE

Information on upcoming events can be found on the RAPSA pages of the school website. You can also find information on the RAPSA committee, guidelines for being a class rep and lots more.

LOOKING AHEAD

This year, there are three forms in Year 6 and so the school has completed its journey from a two-form to a three-form school. The school has excellent, modern facilities, including, thanks to funds raised by parents, a computer suite, a stage with lights and sound system, and a brand new playground.

So what's the next RAPSA project? With all the classrooms now in use, the need for small-group or one-to-one teaching spaces has arisen. RAPSA has recently funded the installment of a teaching pod in the spinney and in the coming year RAPSA will provide funding for the installation of further additional teaching spaces. We look forward to working with you on this next project!

FAIRS, EVENING AND JUMBLE SALE EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Jumble Sale	11 November 2017
Quiz Night	17 November 2017
Christmas Fair	2 December 2017

SPRING TERM EVENTS

Evening Event	2 February 2018
Spring Fair	24 March 2018

SUMMER TERM EVENTS

Jumble Sale	28 April 2018
Evening Event	18 May 2018
Fun Day	1 July 2018

CAKE SALES

AUTUMN TERM

Year 2	6 October 2017
Halloween cake sale	19 October 2017
Nursery (for Children in Need)	17 November 2017
Year 5	1 December 2017

SPRING TERM

Year 3	9 February 2018
Nevros Festival	23 March 2018

SUMMER TERM

Year 1	27 April 2018
Year 4	11 May 2018
Reception	15 June 2018

THANK YOU, AND HERE'S TO A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR!!
THE RAPSA TEAM