

Report from Libby, Chairperson for PTA 2014.

The focus for this year, no actually it was the obsession of this year was to raise enough money for the new play equipment.

We were all in agreement that we would give ourselves one year to finish the fundraising started several years ago. £12,000 had been raised so far.

After Andrea had spent **many** hours investigating possible options and costs (thank you) we realised that we needed to raise in the region of another £6000 to have anything like a decent play zone. It was a huge sum but we were on a mission and there was no stopping us, staff, parents and children were encouraged, cajoled and badgered to join in with the various events we arranged, these included, a salsa night, curry evening, clothing sale, the Christmas activities, a crazy but successful 2 hours at Raze the roof, a couple of children took the initiative and ran their own fundraising Charlotte Ahearn organised a photo competition and Kieran had a toy sale, but the most notable for the year was the sponsored bike event, to my mind this defines the spirit of the school, involving staff, children and parents, with incredible support from family and friends. The Children ran stalls; staff and parents took part, truly a team event.

We were helped too by the generosity of the local community, Helford river car parks, the Parish council, Mawnan Church, and the Fire Brigade gave considerable donations and the Panto group gave us the proceeds from the gala night. All this contributed to being able at last to order and purchase the play equipment which was installed to much excitement during the summer term, none of this could have been possible without the amazing commitment and hard work from the members of the PTA; Andrea, Anna, Adam, Mike, Helen, Verity, Jo, Louise, Randall, a particular thank -you to Randall who is so supportive, and Staff , and Ruth who so willingly prints, copies, phones etc. and has to put up with my constant interruptions so **thank you all very much**. We have now had a ‘grand’ opening and Earthwrights have been paid so we achieved our objective and are free to raise money for something else..... watch this space.