

**Chairman's Report**  
**Otterburn First School PTA May 2012-May 2013**

After 3 years of attending PTA meetings I was gently persuaded last year to take the reins as PTA Chairman.

It has been a privilege to hold this post and serve the school alongside my fellow office bearers Rebecca and Debs, with continued support from the outgoing Chairman and Secretary.

I believe we have achieved our objectives for the year.

A very small group of dedicated parents have attended our meetings and helped us along the way.

Our main fundraiser continues to be the annual summer fair held at the school. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend due to holidays but I am grateful to all those who made the day a success in my absence. I look forward to attending this year on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013.

The school held its annual Sports Day with a twist. 2012 being the year of London Olympics the children tried their hand at brilliantly adapted Olympic events.

It was lovely to see the children working in teams and enjoying the competitive spirit. All the children were rewarded with a commemorative medal.

In early December the whole school embarked on an epic journey to the Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see Aladdin. Thankfully the weather held and the trip went without a hitch. After the initial scary start I think all the children enjoyed the panto and soon got into the spirit of the afternoon. Before the performance we had time to view Fenwicks window, I have never seen so many happy faces. I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon of reliving my childhood.

The children then performed once again at Otterburn Village Hall with a super show of Manger Mouse. It looks like this could become an annual event. The feedback from the residents in the village was very positive and both performances were packed to the rafters. Thanks go to all who helped with teas, coffees and not to mention the lovely cakes we sold.

There are many other projects in progress for 2013 and I look forward to seeing these come to fruition.

We continue to encourage parents/carers children and staff for ideas on improvements which the PTA can assist with.

I have enjoyed my year as Chairman and wish everyone the best of luck for forthcoming years.

Jane Anderson (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013)