

PTA Chair Report

Annual AGM

Monday 21st September 2020

Welcome everyone, thanks for attending this remote AGM.

It has been the most unbelievable year. Whether it has been a terrible or wonderful experience, it certainly has been a time that we will never ever forget. Our sincerest and best wishes to everyone during this time.

As I'm sure everyone can appreciate, PTA fundraising was limited to pre Covid 19 lockdown. Although we know school remained open and teachers worked as hard if not harder than normal, we as a committee did not feel it appropriate to attempt any form of fund raising during this period due to concerns about the current financial climate and more importantly respecting worries over health of loved ones. We hope that everyone understands and respects this decision.

Objectives.

The objectives of the PTA are to organise fundraising events and activities where possible and make these as much fun as possible, to involve as many people as we can, and to access funding and grants on behalf of the school where applicable.

As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and TA's of the children of the school, we are automatically members of the PTA.

This year, we continued to see an increase in active membership which made our Christmas event very enjoyable.

Committee.

We have an elected committee who manage all aspects of the PTA on a day to day basis.

Current committee:

Acting Chair -	Charlotte Sleightholme
Secretary -	Lottie Veasey
Treasurer -	Claire Chatterton
Committee member -	Charlotte Brennan
Committee member -	Irena Lielmezha
Committee member -	Amanda Taylor

This year there are 3 resignations, Acting Chair Charlotte Sleightholme, secretary Lottie Veasey and Charlotte Brennan as general committee member leaving the following roles available for re-election, these are: Chair, secretary and committee member.

For the PTA to continue the role of Secretary and Treasurer must be filled, it is advisable to also have a Chair but it is possible for this role to be appointed later.

From a personal point of view, I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as acting Chair, particularly because I have been joined by the best of teams. The joint efforts of this team have led to some incredible fund raising and some fantastic school events. We have really laughed a lot even, if at times we were looking a little like rabbits caught in headlights! Although I will always be available to help, it will be lovely to be able to come to a future event as a spectator. I'm sure the others stepping down feel the same.

We are now looking for input and ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them, and in so doing, support our school. If you do have any suggestions, these can be made at PTA meetings, by email, or by finding us in the playground.

The AGM is the PTA's only formal meeting of the year, covering committee elections, and the treasurers annual financial report.

Before we commence these formalities, I would like to take few moments to extend some thankyou's.

- Firstly, thank you to the members of the committee who in any ordinary year somehow manage to pull together despite full time jobs, children, degree's, location, husbands and many other things getting in the way.
- Further to the committee, we would like to of course thank Mrs Hall. We are extremely grateful for her continued support.
- Also to Mrs Doyle, for her patience, kindness, sense of humour and general brilliance. It would be a much more daunting task without her.
- Thankyou Mr Lister who always works hard to provide entertainment at our events, and to Mrs Barker for agreeing to be our central point of contact for teachers wish lists.
- We have also received many generous donations from local businesses, who have all been individually thanked.

It goes without saying, that without all the PTA helpers, who generously bake, man stalls, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no PTA events.

A summary of last year.

- In December, we held the Christmas fair. The choir sang, courtesy of Mr Lister, Santa and his elves once again had a beautiful grotto and the hall was full of cheer. We again sold Raffle tickets for the luxury hampers and were incredibly fortunate to receive so many fantastic donations from local businesses to put in them. We also received sponsorship for Father Christmas, the refreshments, face painting and the games. We were extended great kindness by companies offering us purchase discounts too. The whole fair was a resounding success, great fun was had by all, and we made the grand sum of £1204.50.
- We were delighted that two local companies were able to sponsor two more ipads.
- Lastly, we are pleased to have been able to support Anna Webley and Mrs Williams, who under the most difficult of circumstances somehow succeeded in giving the year 6 leavers a lovely, poignant if not traditional send off.

There is a full Treasurers report to accompany this report.

I hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have previously achieved. I wish everyone well, especially at this uncertain time.

Best wishes Charlotte

Current Acting Chair