

PTA Chair Report

Annual AGM

Monday 18th October 2021

Welcome everyone, thanks for attending this year's AGM. We are so pleased that finally we can have a PTA meeting in person.

As I'm sure everyone can appreciate, PTA fundraising was limited during this previous year due to Covid 19.

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. Instead, we opted to provide special days for the children. We did also successfully run a virtual craft fair on Facebook.

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.

Committee.

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

Chair – Amanda Taylor

Deputy Chair – Irina Lielmezha

Secretary - Claire Hodges

Treasurer - Alexandra Groom

Committee member - Sarah Lalor

Committee member – Laura Sterling

Committee member – Bobbie Launchbury

This year there are 6 resignations, Chair Amanda Taylor, Deputy Chair Irina Lielmezha, Secretary Claire Hodges, Sarah Lalor, Laura Sterling and Bobbie Launchbury as general committee members leaving the following roles available for re-election, these are: Chair and secretary.

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.

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 thank you's.

- Firstly, thank you to the members of the committee who have managed to pull together despite full time jobs, children, degree's, location, husbands and Covid getting in the way.
- Further to the committee, we would like to thank Mrs Hall. We are extremely grateful for her continued support and enthusiasm in our fundraising ideas.
- 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 and therefore, we look forward to being able to get back to some version of normal this next year.

A summary of last year.

- From October to December, we held the Virtual Christmas fair, the brainchild of Sarah Lalor who also did an incredible amount of work to make it successful. We were incredibly fortunate to receive so many fantastic donations from local businesses holding stalls. The virtual fair was a resounding success, and we made the grand sum of: £868.81
- We ran activity days in for the Children in December and July and the feedback we received was that the children had an enormous amount of fun.
- Lastly, we are pleased to have been able to support the Year 6 leavers too.

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 and will continue to support where required.

Best wishes
Amanda

Current Chair