

## **PTA Chair Report**

### **Annual AGM**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Welcome everyone, thanks for coming to this AGM.

Our PTA aims to encourage good relations between staff, parents and other associated with the school, and to enrich our children's school experience.

#### **Objectives.**

The objectives of the PTA are to organise fundraising events and activities 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 are pleased to say that there has been a significant increase in new active membership which in turn has allowed us to run lots of events this year.

#### **Committee.**

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

Chair -	Sarah Lalor
Secretary -	Fliss Baker
Treasurer -	Alex Groom
General Committee Member -	Laura Sterling
General Committee Member -	Laura Tumelty-Williams

We are however, always 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, and in particular covers committee elections, and the treasurer's annual financial report. 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.

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 somehow manage to pull together despite full time jobs and children amongst their many other commitments.

- 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.
- Thank you to Mrs Barker and Mrs Breakwell for agreeing to be our school liaisons.
- 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, run stalls, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no PTA events.

### **A summary of last year's events.**

#### **October**

- Our first event of the year, was the return of the Virtual Christmas Fair which hosted 38 different craft stalls. This ran from October to December and attracted 700 members.

#### **November**

- In November, we held our first Krispy Kreme event having seen this idea used by other PTA's. Families could order a box of 12 for £10.
- We also held a non-uniform day asking for a donation for the luxury hamper raffle.

#### **December**

- December was a very busy month in the PTA calendar.
- Christmas Party
  - This was an incredibly successful event with almost the entire school attending.
  - Included in the price of the ticket was a disco, movie, snacks and a visit to Santa.
  - The beautiful grotto was designed by Laura Sterling who work solidly for several weeks and transformed the art room into a magical wonderland! We very kindly donated the funds from 2 parents to hire a Santa from BBC Inflatables. Each child who visited the Grotto received a chocolate Santa.
  - We are very fortunate to have Laura Tumelty-Williams on the Committee who did an amazing job of entertaining the children in the disco.
- Raffle
  - The raffle was run online for the first time using our new Holy Redeemer PTA website through Charity Hive. This allowed us to sell tickets contactlessly when COVID was very much still present. Using Charity Hive worked very well reducing the workload on the committee.
  - In addition to the luxury Christmas Hampers, we were also very grateful to receive so many fantastic donations from local businesses to raffle alongside them.
  - The raffle made a profit of £465.01 and the children's raffle made £58.51.
- Christmas cards
  - We used the company Xmas4Schools for our Christmas card fundraiser. It was very simple to run and all parent orders/money handling were made direct through the website.

## February

- To celebrate National Pizza Day we collaborated with Feli's Restaurant to sell pizza kits.
- Our hot chocolate sale was very successful raising a profit of £156.21. A discount of 20p was offered to those who brought their own reusable cup. We were really pleased to see so many people take up this offer.

## March

- 2022 Challenge
  - This raised a fantastic £440.
- Science Show
  - Following a grant from the Rotary Club, Pershore we were able to fund a science show from the Royal Institution for all of our children and the local community. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is something we would like to replicate next year.
- Sunflower Competition
  - Through the generous donations from local businesses, we were able to provide all children with a sunflower growing kit. This was judged at the end of the summer term and winning children received a prize.
- Mother's Day
  - We were very fortunate to be provided with primroses from Evesham Garden Centre meaning we were able to provide all children a gift to take home to celebrate Mother's Day. Additional primroses were available to anyone who wanted to order extra.

## April

- Our milkshake sale was very popular and raised a profit of £110.79.

## May

- We ran the pizza kit fundraiser again with Feli's Restaurant.
- After locating the missing ice cream freezer we were able to reintroduce the Cool Friday Fundraiser. This ran until the end of term and was very popular. Thank you to Fliss for taking the lead on this and ensuring the freezer was well stocked up each week.

## June

- After receiving a grant from Pershore Town Council we were able to provide children with a Jubilee Street Party in the playground. This was a real highlight of the year where all children were presented with a commemorative jubilee pin badge. Thank you goes to our fantastic bakers who together baked over 240 beautiful cupcakes to celebrate. We also ran a bunting competition with M&Co where many of our children received prizes for their fantastic efforts.

## July

- Jubilee Strawberry Fair
  - On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, we held our biggest event of the year, the Jubilee Strawberry fair. After a 3 year break, it was really exciting to see the return of a big event such as this.
  - This year saw the introduction of the inflatable fun run which we were able to fit at the top of the grassy bank. This aspect of the fair was incredibly popular.

- Mrs Williams worked hard with the Y6s to design games for the fair. All money raised from this particular aspect went directly to the Y6 leavers party. The Y6 children did a fantastic job raising over £200!
- Mr Lister opened the fair with the school band to greet families when they arrived.
- We opted for a paper raffle ticket for this event and sent tickets home several weeks before. This then reduced the amount of pressure there was to sell tickets on the day.
- We also introduced a games card where children collected stamps every time they played a game. They were then able to exchange these for prizes.
- The committee worked very hard to secure donations of prizes and refreshments to sell at the fair including 24kgs of strawberries from Oaklands Fruit Farm, scones, drinks and hot dogs. These donations enabled us to make an outstanding profit of £1475.
- Y6 Leavers Party
  - Anna Webley performed her magic once again and organised the Leavers party for year 6's.

Alex will be running through the full treasurer's report shortly, but I would briefly like to mention that because of these fundraising efforts, we were really excited to be able to provide the school with funds this year for enrichment activities. Something we felt had been really missed from the past few years due to COVID.

#### **Work in progress.**

- Over the past 12 months, the Committee have been working hard to provide a range of fundraising activities and events to cater for everyone. Some fundraisers have been more successful than others and we now have a much better understanding of what our school community would like to see.
- We have also introduced a new PTA website to help with certain aspects of organisation and have found that google forms are a useful tool in gathering information/bookings for events.
- We have purchased a Sum Up machine which has proved very popular.

#### **Future Plans.**

This year has been an incredibly busy one with lots of events taking place. As a result we have reached the threshold for fundraising and are now working towards Charity status. This will help to further our fundraising potential including that of match fundraising and Amazon Smile. Looking at our diary of events we would also like to focus on spreading the events out over the course of the year.

#### **Summary.**

I hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have achieved over the last 12 months. I hope everyone enjoyed the events and will enjoy those to come.