

Chairs Report AGM November 21st 2021

Firstly thank you to all of you for being here tonight and for your continued support of our PTA. Without parents like you so many things would not be possible and so as co-chairs Mel and I would like to publicly thank those here tonight and to all of those who have helped support us and the school this past year.

As well as all the volunteers, all the parents and carers that supported our events, we want to thank the committee who have all given up many hours of their time through the year and a particular thanks to Vivianne Scarff who midway through, stepped forward to support Shauna in the role of co-secretary. Her marketing expertise has been incredibly helpful in our branding and communications and we all appreciate the contribution she has made.

It truly does take a village and just like the one before, this past year has continued to present new challenges, and has required us to be more innovative in our efforts to support the school. Along with the community, the PTA also went through a significant transition with the retirement of Mrs Williams and many key PTA members as our year 6's left in July. I know that Mel and I wish to publicly thank Margaret Williams and Oksana Stevenson for all of the support they gave last year.

While we sadly were unable to hold many events such as the Christmas disco, mothers day pop up and most notably the summer fair as we reflected on all that we have achieved I feel we should be proud of the achievements made. Some key highlights are as follows...

- New events and covid safe events such as EYFS quiz night, online mothers day and summer raffles and bend the rules day were great successes.
- Setting up of the school lottery which generates income all year round.
- Continued social media presence to remind parents of key events. Focus on PTA branding.
- Christmas card project
- Consultation with children on favourite book titles / wish list to provide new books for the library and in classrooms.
- Easter egg competition and Father's day coaster project were well received.
- Successful grant application to provide a skipping workshop to the children
- Military bootcamp fitness sessions to promote community
- Teacher survey to hear teacher views on areas the PTA can support
- Funding for fun year group activity days pizza making, beach day, class discos etc and year 6 year book donation still achieved.
- Continuation of easyfundraising and ink cartridge recycling scheme
- Development of PTA strategy
- New starter coffee event
- Continuation of preloved offering and recruitment of new team
- Playground pop up shop
- Development of new relationship with Mrs Toner and Mrs Moore
- Coffee events at assemblies and playground cake sales.

Areas to work on

- Sadly covid and the restrictions have not allowed us to truly connect with families especially those in younger years. Focus on building this relationship to help engagement from parents and carers.
- Providing an electronic payment system for events (almost there!)
- Maximising our charity status for funding opportunities
- Potential PTA website
- Development of relationship with school office to maximise effectiveness of communications.