

Chairman's Report

Annual General Meeting

It is a real pleasure to present my Chairman's Report and to reflect on what has been a very busy, exciting and rewarding year for our PTFA.

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank the previous PTFA committee for all of their hard work, commitment and dedication to the school and its children. Last year was very much a year of transition, as the previous committee began the process of handing over to a new committee. Change is not always straightforward, particularly when taking on an established organisation with a long history of fundraising and events, and we are incredibly grateful for the work that went into ensuring that transition happened as smoothly as possible.

This year will be particularly special as it is our first year as a new full committee. Having spent last year navigating the transition from the previous committee, we now have the opportunity to establish ourselves fully as a team, build on the foundations that have been handed over to us and bring our own ideas, energy and enthusiasm to the PTFA. Most importantly, we are looking forward to working together towards our shared aim of supporting the school and enhancing the experiences of all its children.

I would also like to thank all of the parents, carers, staff and volunteers who have supported the PTFA throughout the year. Whether you have attended an event, bought a ticket, donated, helped behind the scenes, volunteered your time, bought an ice cream, supported a fundraiser or simply encouraged us with your enthusiasm, every contribution makes a difference. A PTFA can only be successful because of the wider school community that supports it, and we are extremely grateful for that continued support.

This year we have been particularly proud to deliver three large-scale events that were completely new to the school: the Santa Challenge, the Silent Disco and the Colour Run.

Each of these events required a huge amount of planning, organisation, creativity and teamwork. They were ambitious events for us to take on as a new committee, but the response from the children and families made every bit of the hard work worthwhile. Seeing the excitement these events created for the children was a fantastic reminder of exactly why we do what we do.

Alongside our events, the PTFA has continued to raise money through a number of different fundraising streams. Together, we have raised an incredible £5,915, made up of:

- £3,525 from events
- £100 through Easyfundraising
- £210 through Uniformly
- £480 through the School Lottery
- £1,600 through grants

That money has allowed us to make a real and tangible difference across the school.

During the year, the PTFA has funded monster rubbish bins for the playground, tree benches, rotatable compost bins, classroom fans, ice poles during the heatwave, tools and equipment for Forest School, a history timeline for the outdoor classroom, and herbs and flower troughs for classrooms.

These are things that the children see, use and benefit from every day, and it is incredibly rewarding to know that the money raised through the efforts of our school community is being put directly back into the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally recognise some individuals who have given an enormous amount of their time, energy and expertise to the school and the PTFA.

Ally deserves a very special thank you for the incredible work she does with Uniformly. The time, organisation and effort that goes into managing the school uniform operation is enormous, and the contribution this makes to our fundraising is hugely appreciated.

Colin also deserves a very special mention for his seemingly endless skills, practical knowledge and willingness to turn his hand to almost anything! The amount of DIY, fixing, building and general problem-solving he has undertaken throughout the school is quite remarkable. His support has been invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for everything he does.

And finally, I would like to formally thank Lou for her incredible support throughout the whole of last year. Taking on the role of Chair is a big responsibility, and having someone with experience to support, guide and help during that transition was invaluable. Lou worked incredibly hard throughout the year and did a huge amount to ensure that the handover to the new committee was successful. I am personally extremely grateful for all of her support, encouragement and advice.

As we look ahead, I am incredibly excited about what we can achieve together. We now have a full year behind us as a new committee, we understand how we work together and we have plenty of ideas for the future.

Our aim will always remain the same: to bring the school community together, create memorable experiences for the children and raise money that makes a genuine difference to their time at school.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to every single person who has supported the PTFA this year. It is very easy to see the finished event or the new equipment arriving at school, but behind every one of those things are hours of planning, organising, volunteering, fundraising and teamwork.

The achievements of the PTFA are very much a collective effort, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together.

Here's to another brilliant year for the PTFA.