

## PTFA Chair report

### Annual AGM

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Welcome everybody and thank you for joining us at our AGM.

Well, how do we start. This is our first AGM meeting since 2019 and what 2 years it has been. It has been an unbelievable 18 months, especially one we will not forget. As a PTFA this has massively impacted our fundraising efforts for the school, so from this point onwards I want to drive our efforts and make up for lost time.

As we all know our PTFA fundraising efforts was severely impacted due to the pandemic and even up to summer this impacted our summer fete. Moving forward I am hoping, within reason, we can provide our events this year, with Covid protection in mind, and get the community of our schools back together again. We obviously have had 2 new starter years in the infants and new parents that I'm hoping will enjoy our events and bring them closer to the school spirit.

I was aware that the cancellation of our summer fete last minute caused some upset to parents and I hope now that they can appreciate that we were looking after the health of them, us, and our loved ones as our priority. Hopefully, we won't be put into that position again.

#### **Objectives.**

The objectives of the PTFA is to organise fundraising events and activities where possible and make these fun, family friendly and to involve as many people as possible. We also will access and apply for grants where possible. As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and LSA's of the children of our schools, we are all automatically members of the PTFA. This year, we will drive to increase our members so this makes our events more enjoyable for everybody.

#### **Committee.**

We have an elected committee who manages all aspects of the PTFA on a daily basis.

Chair – Helena Stewart

Vice Chair – Nichola Roots

Treasurer – Samantha Webb

Secretary – LeslieAnne Smith

Moving forward I haven't been informed of any resignations and I am happy to continue my role at Chair.

### **Future of the PTFA**

We are always looking for input and ideas from all members on fundraising ideas. We will always look into the possibility of implementing them. We also always take into thought the frequency and cost that this may impact on families. All suggestions are always welcomed at meetings, emails, social media or by finding a member in the playground.

I look forward to finding out from both schools what's on their agenda this year and to hear what they have been doing the past 18 months and share that in our minutes.

Hopefully we can call upon our friends at The Lions club and we can reinstate our santa walk around this Christmas as this is always a massive boost to our fundraising and brings a great Christmas spirit to the estate.

The AGM is the PTFA's only formal meeting of the year covering the committee and the treasurer's financial report also.

### **Thank You's**

So this leaves me to say a few thank you.

- Firstly, thank you to the PTFA committee who is active, helping out with all jobs big and small. Even when the summer fete got cancelled, I think people didn't realise the hours that was put in running up to that and late nights. Shed tidying up! And just trying to keep the moral up within the committee.
- Also thank you to Mrs Easton and Mr Wrench. Thank you for guiding us through this pandemic with advice and regulations that need to be implemented to even try and carry out a Covid safe event.
- And all the staff and LSA's who have looked after our children safely and tirelessly to keep them happy and safe and looked after. I'm sure I speak for all of us here that we are incredibly grateful.

Thank You everyone and let's hope for a fun and successful year fundraising for our wonderful schools, which is of course all for our children

