

Chair Report – PTA ADM 9/10/25

Hello – thank you for coming to the PTA meeting today.

The treasurers report has been concluded, and I will go through this in Bianca's absence following my report.

Firstly, I want to thank all the volunteers over the past year, every minute you have given has been really appreciated – even if it's just sharing messages or chasing people to purchase things!

As you may be aware, we want to make our fundraising as involved as possible, and so we choose to include the children of St Lawrence in the events, for example last year we saw a Halloween Disco thanks to Natasha Dorey who led the event, our final ever hot dog day (thanks to the shoppers, the volunteers on the day), as well as other parent volunteers that supported her. None of this is possible without the dedication of the parents that give up their time to help with this.

We also again did a successful Sunflower growing competition, and a really great guess the number of eggs competition that went down very well with the children. Wacky Wednesday was also a massive hit, and the ever popular frozen Fridays continued to raise funds.

We have funded school leavers hoodies and recorders for year 3 – more information in the treasurers report.

This year has been one of the hardest St Lawrence PTA has seen – unfortunately we have seen a drop in engagement from Parents again, which has meant that maintaining events has become even more difficult than in previous years. This has resulted in us having to look at low effort/high reward items, as volunteers for events has been harder to obtain. We also can no longer carry out our biggest money maker – hot dog day. Whilst I understand first hand that we all live busy lives, without support from parents the PTA will not be able to continue to put on events for the children.

This would then in turn impact the support the PTA can provide the school – over the years the PTA has supported new playground equipment, purchasing of iPads (although this goes back a while now!) recorders for the children, hoodies for the year 6 leaders, pantomime costumes, a trip from Father Christmas every year and a small gift for every child at Christmas. I intend to write out to all parents on this, to see if anyone has ideas and time for fundraising for the coming year, and to ask for support with the events we do manage to put on.

It is however not all doom and gloom, as we did make a small amount of money, which the treasurers report outlines, and I remain hopeful that we will have parents who will support moving forward.

We say goodbye to our treasurer Bianca today, who is stepping down after 4 years in the role – I want to thank her for her patience with me when asking for sum up reports, and other items, as well as her attention to detail and her passion to get the information as accurate as possible.

We also waved goodbye to Sophie at the end of the school year, as she moved off Island. Her support with the second hand uniform sales was incredible – we do need to get a volunteer to take over the good work on this!

This leaves a gap for a vice chair and treasurer.

We look forward to another year, and will meet shortly to think about fundraising plans for the coming year.

Thanks again for the support given.