

Headteacher's Report to the PTA AGM

24.9.26

Good evening, everyone.

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks to the PTA committee and to all the parents, carers, staff and friends of the school who have supported its work during the past year.

The PTA makes an enormous contribution to life at St Lawrence Primary School. Its importance is not measured only by the money it raises, but also by the enjoyment, excitement and sense of community its activities create for our children and families.

This year's events have included Frozen Fridays, the sunflower-growing competition and "guess the number of eggs" competitions, the Easter egg hunt, raffles, cake sales and more. Each activity has required planning, communication, shopping, setting up, clearing away and, most importantly, the time and goodwill of volunteers. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped in any way.

A particular highlight was the school disco, which was our first with DJ Nelson. The children had a wonderful time, and it was lovely to see pupils of different ages enjoying themselves together. Events such as this become very special school memories for our children, and they could not happen without the commitment of the PTA and its volunteers. The children are looking forward to their Halloween disco coming up on 23rd October.

The PTA has also provided valuable financial support to the school. This year, it paid for recorders to support children's music-making, playground equipment for children to enjoy during their social time, and the Year 6 leavers' hoodies. The hoodies are always particularly appreciated because they give our oldest pupils a lasting reminder of their time at St Lawrence as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

The PTA has also continued to add to the enjoyment of Christmas at school, including supporting Father Christmas's visit and gifts for the children. These thoughtful contributions help make important moments in the school year feel even more memorable.

As a small school, we place great value on the strength of our community. The PTA helps bring families together, welcomes people into school life and provides opportunities for parents to make a practical difference to the children's experience. Even a small amount of help—selling an ice pop, baking a cake, sharing a message, donating a prize or helping at an event—contributes to the PTA's success.

I recognise that a great deal of this work falls upon a relatively small group of people. On behalf of the children, staff and wider school community, I would therefore like to thank

the committee members and regular volunteers whose commitment keeps the PTA going. Your energy, creativity and generosity are greatly appreciated.

We are very fortunate to have a PTA that is so committed to enriching school life. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you during the coming year and to seeing the PTA remain an important part of our St Lawrence community.

Thank you for everything you have done for our school and, most importantly, for our children.

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