

Chair Report – PTA AGM 24/09/26

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

The treasurer's report has been concluded, will be shared with you following this report.

Firstly, I want to thank all the volunteers over the past years that I have been a part of the PTA, every minute you have given has been really appreciated – even if it's just sharing messages or chasing people to purchase things! The past year was my last, as life has got to busy, and since deciding to step down we have also left the school. Being a part of the PTA has been a real privilege; however the time has come to hand over the reins.

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 and Danielle Callec who led the event. We needed to diversify on the events this year due to the lack of hot dog days, but we had some great successes including Danielle leading on fundraising through smarties tubes, a last-minute world cup sweepstake, and the continuation of tea and coffee sales at events, and frozen Fridays. None of this is possible without the dedication of the parents that give up their time to help with this.

We have funded school leavers hoodies and new football kits – more information in the treasurer's report.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report a drop in engagement from parents again for another year, and actually the first we have seen a complaint aired on Facebook for our fundraising efforts. Maintaining events has become even more difficult than in previous years. Without support from parents the PTA will not be able to continue to put on events for the children, and its vital that moving forward the focus is on engaging parents again despite a difficult economic backdrop.

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.

I wanted to give a very big thankyou to Claire Sangster, her ongoing support for the PTA has made a massive difference over the past few years and has made life easier for us to operate in the school.

As mentioned earlier in the report, I am standing down, which leaves a gap for Chair and Vice-Chair, which will be voted on shortly.

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

Thanks again for the support given, and best of luck for the future.

Rhiannon Patel