

3rd October 2019 PTA AGM - Chair's report

Last year was another busy and successful year for the PTA as I'm sure Kelly will report from the treasurer's perspective. We didn't have a lot of events but those we did have were really well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy them. The danceathon was a particular highlight for me and the kids seemed to get a real kick out of it. I personally think this might be the year that we start some new events and we should engage again with the school council to run events that the children want.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the events over the last 12 months, especially those people who have taken time off work or come along with their young children to help and support us. I anticipate another bumper year and am looking forward to working with teachers, pupils and parents on pulling together events over the coming year.

Following handover of roles and responsibilities over recent years there has been an element of the role and governance of the PTA that has been lost in translation. In order to correct that we are going to try and more closely follow the structure as set out on the Parentkind website pertaining to the proper running of a PTA.

In addition, I think it's also important that we develop a PTA file that can be left in the school for all new and future members. We can't assume that going forward the PTA will be run by a team of friends and we need to ensure that future members are equipped to make the transition of roles as smooth as possible and so there is limited impact of the school and the time of all involved.

I think it's fair to say that the role and structure of the PTA has been impacted by modern life and we can no longer rely on their being a big committee. The numbers have certainly dwindled over recent years and we need to adapt the way we do things to account for that.

We have help and people who are willing to volunteer at events and bring things together but who don't get involved in the planning. That may be because they can't attend the meetings, we've tried and tested various timings of the meetings but it doesn't alter the attendance. Thinking of new ways to manage these interactions and getting people involved is something I would like us to think about over the coming year.

So, those of us who currently have roles on the committee will be pulling together a file over the course of the year that provides some key information on how the PTA runs and how some of our key events are put together.

As always the teaching staff will be asked to put forward their list of priorities for the year and things they would like to be funded. Those who have been voted into roles will be asked for agreement to spend funds on the requested items.

Special thanks to all those people who have taken on a role in the committee over that last 12 months, your help and support is greatly appreciated and I understand the time you are investing in making everything run smoothly.