

Chair's Report AGM 2022

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to this evening's AGM. The objective of the PTA is to enrich our children's school experience. We do this by fundraising through organising fun events and activities in and after school for the children and grownups, as well as creating a social network of members. As Teachers, Parents and Carers of children at the school we are all members of the PTA, and it is fantastic you are here to support your children's journey through Silsoe Lower School through the work of the PTA.

The PTA is run by a committee elected each year at the AGM. The AGM meeting is the only formal meeting of the year for the PTA and deals with the formalities of committee elections, financial audits, reviews and any plans for the future.

This is our first 6 months as Temporary Chairs to the committee and we would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the serving PTA Team.

Jeanette Manrique and Helen Radford stepped down just before Christmas 2021. With lack of members and volunteers Haley, Daniel and myself stepped in to take the reigns to keep the PTA functioning.

We want to say a big thank-you to Jeanette and Helen for being chairs for 2021.

Even though we have only been on the committee a short time, we feel as a team, we have managed to put together some great events and get the PTA up to speed with online presence, such as our website, our ticket systems, and our social media etc.

Furthermore, we would like to thank all our volunteers throughout the year who help us to achieve our objective and fundraising events. Mrs Boyle, the teachers and supporting staff at school have been amazing with their efforts at events, and liaising with our team throughout. We really couldn't do this without all of your support, so thank-you.

It goes without saying, a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers, neighbours, friends, teachers and TA's who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year.

To begin with the formalities of the evening, we will be voting on our new committee for 2022.

Haley Hills and Sarah Vaughton have agreed to continue their roles as Co-Chairs for the committee of 2022.

Daniel Oliver will continue the role as Treasurer.

Michelle Stacey will continue her role as Communications Officer.

Soli Indge has put herself forward as Secretary.

From January 2022, we have raised a profit of £1154, which went towards the PTA's contribution of summer term coach trips this year as agreed.

The breakdown of this is:

Valentine's Roses event - £289

Hop Bop Disco - £854

Unfortunately, due to extremely low numbers of tickets sold for the summer quiz night, we have had to cancel this event. This is a real shame and a bit of a knock to the team. However, we are planning for this to hopefully go ahead in the Spring.

Our big event this year is Happy's Circus – which is being held on Saturday 1st October. We are hoping this is going to be a huge success and a fun family day out. In addition, we are still busy working away on plans for the day and extra ways to fundraise.

The Treasurer's report will be submitted in due course, once banking has been finalised – this has been delayed as we have only just gained access to the bank. Getting access has been a really long road, but we are finally there. We will then be able to provide a better idea of income from September 2021.

What do these funds support?

Again, the full list of spending will be detailed in the PTA Accounts and the Treasurer's report, however our key spending has been to meet the objectives and requirements requested by the school, with those being:

- School trips
- Class resources
- Age appropriate classroom resources through the provision of Amazon Gift cards to teachers
- Enrichment activities including the Letters from Santa, Circus, Christmas class Party Items just to name a few.

In closing, we feel very privileged to have had this opportunity to help fundraise for the school which ultimately benefits all of the pupils. We look forward to driving this PTA Team forward in this next exciting chapter.

Finally, we would like to finish the Chair's report by thanking everyone for attending tonight, and for all their efforts. If anyone has any ideas or queries to please contact a member of the PTA team, we are always happy to discuss events and fundraising ideas etc.

Sarah Vaughton and Haley Hills Co-Chairs 28/06/22