



Silsoe VC Lower School PTA AGM

Head Teacher's Report

January 15th 2020

It has been a privilege to join Silsoe Lower School in September and work with such a strong and committed staff team and to have the support of such a supportive and hardworking PTA. I am extremely grateful to the PTA who work tirelessly to support our school and enable us to offer and achieve the very best for all our children.

In the short time I have been Head Teacher at Silsoe Lower School I have been fortunate to have received substantial support from the PTA. I can't thank the PTA committee or the extended PTA team enough for all that they do week in and week out.

The list of things they support us with is huge but I would like to highlight just some of the ways that the PTA enhances all that we do at Silsoe Lower:

- Taking time to liaise with myself, listen and talk to teachers to find out exactly what support we would appreciate.
- Planning, organising and providing enrichment and after school activities for the children to enjoy such as the school disco.
- Researching, arranging and funding the theatre group to perform the pantomime to enable the whole school to enjoy a theatre experience without having to travel miles.
- Planning, buying, packing and delivering snack boxes for the class Christmas parties.
- Arranging for the Bags to School collections.
- Purchasing and wrapping Christmas presents for the children to enjoy buying gifts for their family members.
- Funding gift cards for the class teachers to purchase additional resources for their classroom.
- Funding additional books for our class libraries and for guided reading to support our English curriculum.
- Enabling the purchase of a new shed to house the bikes and trikes.
- Providing the funds for our school gardening club to enjoy filling the planters and plant the winter bulbs etc. to further enhance our school environment.

I could go on and on!

I am grateful that the PTA understand that, like many other schools in the UK at the moment, finances are extremely tight and we appreciate any additional funds. The additional funds we have received certainly have had a big impact so far. I look forward to working with the PTA over the coming year when we have some bigger projects planned such as the Forest School garden area.

I would also like to acknowledge that it isn't all about raising funds, the staff and PTA work exceptionally hard to ensure the children have a really positive experience during their time at Silsoe Lower School. Providing memorable experiences for the children is just as important and they certainly have some wonderful memories of events provided by the PTA in just the last term alone.

Thank you!

Sarah Boyle
Head Teacher