

AGM Letter – School Year 2019-2020

This year was our first year as Co-Chair and we were very nervous to say the least! The Class Reps have been a huge support to us both this year, so a heartfelt thank you. They have supported us by helping organise the events and during the running of them. They have also attended our PTA meetings, providing us with feedback and more fantastic ideas! As well as being nervous, we were extremely excited about taking over the role as Joint-Chair and we were both looking forward to trying to raise as much money for the school as possible, whilst introducing some new fundraising events. However, our plans were cut short in March due to lockdown.

This year has been like no other! The year started with the parent community putting so much effort and time into fundraising for the new School Year. The Christmas Fair was a huge success including fantastic external stalls, Pottery Painting, Santa's Grotto, our Secret's Room and a very successful auction. The Film night was well attended and supported by the parents to enable the events to happen. The PTA suggested a Painting and Prosecco evening but disappointingly this did not go ahead due to lack of interest/sale of tickets.

We had started planning and putting in place plans for the Circus and Summer Fair but unfortunately Covid-19 had other plans and the rest of our fundraising events for the school year were cancelled. During lockdown, a pupil had a wonderful idea to collate a Recipe book of all the delicious cooking/baking which had taken place over lockdown. Thank you to the pupils and parents who provided us with recipes and for those of you who purchased and supported the E-book. Thank you to Mark, who contacted Winkworths and arranged "Thank you Key Workers" boards to enable Holy Trinity to show our gratitude to all the wonderful key workers.

None of these events would take place without the efforts of the Class Reps and Committee and support of the parents. The hours of planning that go into these events should not be underestimated.

The Class Reps work extremely hard to ensure that the PTA events take place for the benefit of the all the children. The role can be difficult and thankless at times, especially with coming to covering the slots at the events. Thank you for all your hard work, enabling these events to take place for the enjoyment of the children and the school community!

It is a privilege to be so strongly supported by the local community. Our sincerest thanks to Rev Jon and the Church for always loaning us tables and chairs. Our thanks go to Winkworths, Domino's Pizza and all the local businesses for contributing to the school to allow us to maximise our fundraising.

The core Committee have once again gone the extra mile whilst holding down day-jobs to continue to function this year. Thank you:

To:

- Mark D'Costa – for being the male role model not only for our parents but the children! For organising the bar and board sponsorships. Sadly due to personal commitments, Mark stepped down as Vice Chair in January but has continued to support us as and when he is able to.

- Michelle Scarsbrook/Grover, our Treasurer: Michelle is Treasurer for 3 Committees, travels for work and is also a mum of 3! Despite all of this Michelle is always on top of float requirements for every event, for all the expenses and for keeping us in check with regards to the finance and controls. Michelle always volunteers at every event — thank you! (A side note thank you to Peter Grover for all the help and for organising and propping up the bar!).
- Martina Fleming as our Secretary – for keeping up with all the topics at the committee meetings, providing all the minutes, raffle tickets and organising the relevant licenses for events!
- Thank you's have to go to the school Staff without whom none of this would be possible:
- Mrs Lawson for all your help with the newsletters, dealing with the numerous and random requests and always doing so with patience!
- Mrs Poulter for all your help, support and advice, always with a smile!
- Mrs Griffith – for all the advice, support and crucially working with the staff to ensure that every event has the appropriate Staff supervision.
- Mrs Hill - every event is hosted at the school and involves the school being open, clean and available after school hours. Mrs Hill then has to deal with the tidy up and clean up, taking her own time to do this. PTA Committee's change so regularly and yet Mrs Hill puts up with all our requests always being on hand to help with the last-minute panics!!

Mrs Griffith has now taken over as sole Head Teacher and has therefore passed the PTA link duties to Miss Wallbanks, thank you Mrs Griffith for all your help and support, and we look forward to working alongside Miss Wallbanks.

We were unable to meet with the school council to discuss events last year but hope to arrange a meeting with them this year to discuss events we propose to run and gather their feedback/ideas.

The purpose of the PTA is to continue to develop and strengthen the relationship between the Committee and the School and the Parents & Carers. Our aim is to provide fun fundraising events for the enjoyment of the children, as well as the Parents & Carers.

We enter a new school year hoping to run as many events as we are able to, but are in discussions with the school as to what we are able to do due to current circumstances. We have re-booked the Circus as our main fundraising event over the summer term and are hoping to be able to introduce some new ideas.

On behalf of the PTA we would ask that every parent repay the outstanding work the staff do for our children by offering 30 minutes of their time to help at every event in the coming year!

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Co-Chair