

Albourne CofE Primary School

PTA Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report

2020-2021

15th October 2021

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting.

The objective of the PTA is to enrich our children's school experience. We do this by fundraising through organised fun events for our children. The funds raised are then used to pay for resources, equipment and workshops that the school would not otherwise be able to afford within their budget.

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

This year has been another difficult year for us due to Covid and unfortunately has had an impact on our fundraising. It is not the year we had anticipated or planned. Our biggest fundraiser for 2020 was the Christmas Raffle which raised more than £2200. The Treasurers report and statement of accounts give a breakdown of the figures so please take a look. Sadly this year many events had been put on hold but the PTA team remained committed to finding alternative ways to hold events, have fun and raise money for our school.

We have £6,265.50 in the PTA account and we are discussing with Mrs Claxton the areas she feels the money is most needed. We continue to make a termly donation to each class and a £5 donation for each child for one school trip a year. This year the PTA has funded a whole school educational wildlife experience - Spirit of the wild, funded class workshops such as Greek day and Pirate day, paid for a History timeline and Maps of the world for Geography plus Senco termly contributions. This year we hope to contribute towards a new IT suite to include tables/chairs, Clever touch screens and a desktop PC for the teacher. Longer term initiatives include funding to create a wonderful area for the children at the side of the modular hut plus a KS2 climbing frame.

This year I will be stepping down as Chair. The past 5 years have been truly rewarding in so many ways. It has been a pleasure and privilege to have had this opportunity. I am delighted to announce that Lorna Hudson will be taking over as Chair. I would like to wish her and the team every success in the future.

Alongside my departure is that of our Treasurer Alex Fenn. I would like to thank her for all her amazing work over the past 5 years...its been fun! Laura Woods will be taking over the role of Treasurer, I would like to welcome her to the team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the serving committee:

Alex Fenn - Treasurer

Jo Wenban - Secretary

Kelly Bates, Charley Sawyer, Nicki Montoya, Christina Giles, Corrine Lange, Katie Sturt,

Miriam Calvert, Kate Hobson, Rebecca Frampton and James Luto - Committee Members

Through their hard work, dedication and commitment to the PTA, we have continued to work towards our goals in supporting the school and enriching the education of our children. You have given exceptional support to both me and the school.

To Mrs Claxton For your commitment and continued support for all that we do. Thank you.

To Mrs Goodwin and Mr Copping and our wonderful teachers for supporting the PTA in so many vital ways.

To Sara Hunnable Thank you for arranging and running the end of term second hand uniform sale. The sale raised £248.45

To all parents, grandparents and carers for all your help, support and donations. We really couldn't run events without you. We appreciate your commitment and willingness to contribute in so many ways. Your efforts ensure the PTA continues to strengthen.

This year we unfortunately said goodbye to Kelly Bates, due to her children moving on from primary school. Kelly has been an incredible asset to the PTA for many years and I would like to thank her for all her amazing work.

Last year the PTA set up a charity fundraising page, **Go Fund Me**. A HUGE thank you to those that have donated so far. Since the page was launched in July 2020 we have raised £1880. The page is still active so please consider making a donation.

Albourne School is now a registered charity with **Amazon Smile**. Please sign up to help our school raise donations of 0.5% every time you spend. To date £96.74 has been raised for our school.

Please remember to like our **Facebook** page for regular updates and also to sign up for **Easyfundraising** for all your Christmas purchases! To date you have raised £748.03 simply by signing up. Thank you to all our supporters.

I hope this year the PTA will be able to raise more for our school and that the committee will increase in size and support. We hope to have an exciting year ahead full of events. As always we are keen to hear the views of as many members and parents as possible, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions please feel free to email us at albournepta@yahoo.co.uk
We are always looking for fresh ideas so please get in touch with your thoughts or join the PTA meetings.

We look forward to the year ahead and what can be achieved together.
Stay safe and well.

Best Wishes

Elizabeth Parker
Chair.