



Scotton Lingerfield Primary School PTA

Chair's Report for 19/20

The PTA's purpose is to raise funds for the school to buy things to benefit the children that the school would otherwise not be able to afford within their budget. This is largely done by running social events for children, parents and staff that help, with the feeling of a fun, welcoming school community.

We are a group of parents and teachers who are willing to spend some of their free time to arrange and run fundraising events for our school e.g discos and fairs. The PTA follows a constitution which sets out the rules and procedures by which our committee members govern the PTA. SLS PTA is a registered charity, which means that all committee members are also trustees.

The year started with great intentions and as usual kicked off with the annual Halloween party at the village hall. We then held a new (to this PTA) event, a Valentine Film night in the school hall, which the kids enjoyed especially the younger ones. Not sure the mums felt the same having to clean up all the popcorn! But then Covid struck and our plans for the rest of the year, including the fish and chip quiz and Scotton Feast had to be abandoned. It also meant the highly anticipated whole school trip to see Billionaire Boy was also cancelled.

We all then became DIY teachers for the rest of the year! On behalf of all the PTA members I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching staff for putting together a great home learning package and for supporting us through this time, which definitely had its ups and downs.

The traffic calming measures campaigned for by the PTA were put in place last autumn and they do seem to have slowed the traffic down. The carpark light was also erected and an extended fence at the bottom of the carpark path has made the use of the carpark much safer. The PTA also wrote to the Parish Council asking if they could repair the surface to the carpark. This was done during the summer, however the potholes have re-emerged.

During lockdown I was able to produce a PTA welcome pack for parents of new starters, this was based on a template provided by Parentkind. The aim of the pack is to highlight the great work of the PTA and try encourage new volunteers. Thanks to Lydia, we have also set up a new SLS parents Facebook page that allows us to communicate directly with parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee and all the volunteers who made this year a success. A particular thank you to Nadine, who as treasurer probably has the most demanding role on the committee. I would also like to thank Miss Calvert for her continuing support and Mrs Sowden for getting letters out to parents, putting up posters and selling tickets on our behalf. I would also like to thank those parents and staff at the school, who although not on the committee continue to support all our fund raising and social events.

Finally, a few thoughts on the year ahead. It's not going to feel normal and fundraising and holding events is going to be challenging. As a PTA we will need to be creative in terms of fundraising ideas and make the most of non-event fundraising activities such as Easyfundraising. Fingers crossed things might start feeling a bit more normal towards end of the school year. If agreed upon ICT provision will continue to be a priority for our fundraising, with the recognition that we are unlikely to be able to fund much over the coming year.

Thank you all once again for your fantastic support!

Vicky Manton

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