



Scotton Lingerfield Primary School PTA

Chair's Report for 21/22

We are so lucky as a school to have a vibrant, active and well supported PTA. 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.

Following the previous two Covid years, things have felt a bit more normal this year. The first event of the year was the postponed Scotton Feast in mid-September (the first of the two this year!). This was a great success and it felt great to be doing something as a community again. It was tricky trying to secure volunteers so early in the school year and many parents, especially those with children that started school during Covid, didn't know much about the Feast. We did manage to raise £1100 for the school.

The annual Halloween party was really well supported this year and raised a good amount of money. It's definitely one of the highlights of the year for the children. This year the PTA were asked whether we could provide the food and refreshments at the Scotton Bonfire. This was agreed and again a committed group of volunteers did a great job on the BBQ, bar and selling goodies. Given it was the first time of doing the Bonfire Night we weren't sure what to expect, but it was definitely a worthwhile event to get involved with as the PTA raised just over £1000.

The plan was to hold a fish and chip quiz in the spring term, but unfortunately due to time and other commitments this was not possible. We did manage to organise several smaller fundraising activities, including the tea towels at Christmas that Coral kindly organised and a couple of cake sales on a Friday.

It was nice to welcome back the traditional school events like sports day and the summer concert that we all missed during Covid. These are great opportunity to bring the wider school community together but also provide fundraising opportunities for the PTA.

Our final event was the second Scotton Feast of the year, back in its normal July slot. It felt a lot easier to get volunteers for the stalls and gave the school more preparation time for the wonderful singing that opened the event. Again, it was a massive success! This year we decided to do a raffle and obtained a licence to sell tickets in advance, this worked well and helped to increase the money raised.

This year it was so rewarding to be able to purchase 20 new ipads for the school. Thanks to Barry we were able to get these at a slightly reduced rate, which enabled us to purchase more than what we had expected. The tradition of buying books at Christmas happened. We also paid for the leaver's hoodies and the bouncy castle for the leavers party at the end of term. It was agreed that we would purchase a tree for the trees Jubilee. This action is still outstanding but will be done at some point in tree planting season of October or November.

At the start of the year, I did say that I was going to struggle with the amount of time I would be able to commit to the PTA and this turned out to be the reality. Although we did manage 3 meetings, the minimum set out in the constitution, it would have been good to have met up a few more times specially to talk about more fundraising ideas and events. One of the key activities we couldn't do this year is the review and update of the constitution. This is now overdue and will need to be looked at this year.

Due to lack of time I have available to commit to the role of PTA Chair, I feel that it is right that I stand down for this coming year and give someone the opportunity to take up the role. I still plan to be involved in the PTA and might consider the role of Chair again in the future.

Moving forward the PTA is a good position both in terms of parent support and financially. Early conversations with the local community are being had about developing the sporting facilities at Percy Fields. There is a real opportunity for the school to benefit from these facilities so a priority for the PTA is to to decide whether they want to be involved and support the project.

And now for the thank you's.....

Firstly, I would like to say thank you on behalf all parents to Miss Calvert and all the teaching and support staff at the school. We are immensely proud of our little school, and this is all credit to you all.

I would like to thank all members of the PTA, especially Barry and Lizzie for their supporting roles and to the year reps for ensuring that communication from the PTA to parents happens and for drumming up volunteers.

Thank you all once again for your fantastic support. I've really enjoyed the last 4-years of being Chair of this wonderful PTA. I wish you all good luck in the future.

Vicky Manton

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