

Thank you to everyone for joining us tonight.

In line with our constitution the purpose of this Charity is to advance the education of the pupils at Wheatfields Primary School by assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment for the School and by organising social and other events to promote good relationships between staff and families.

The primary function of the PTA is to raise funds, and our fundraising achievements will be detailed presently within the Treasurer's report. However, we also work to build the relationship between families and the School through the events and activities we hold.

This report details the work of the Parent and Teachers Association for the period of September 2022 to July 2023.

The past school year was my fourth as chair of PAWS. This year I will be handing over the chair role as my child enters their final year at Wheatfields.

We were thrilled that we were able to hold our annual Christmas fair and to take part in the other Christmas events in school. There was wonderful engagement from our families with a huge turnout for the fair and great support for the other events.

We brought back the Auction of promises and were able to implement the improvements we planned from what we learned last year. This proved very successful with a smoother and more robust process throughout.

We were very privileged to be involved in the coronation celebrations in school and to see families enjoying time together in school.

We tried some new things throughout the year. Some went really well, like our second hand uniform provision and some not so much, like the Christmas swap shop. We took some time to reflect and rethink for the future.

Our year of events culminated with a fantastic summer fair. It was exceptionally well supported by our school families with the weather being kind and ensuring we had a wonderfully successful event.

We worked hard to build the relationship between PAWS and the preschool and to include the preschool families in as many of our events and activities as possible. This work continues as we learn the best way to make our events inclusive where ever possible.

We have continued to use as many platforms as possible for communication with email from school being our primary form, backing this up with Facebook posts. The introduction of Class Dojo has given us another avenue to communicate with parents and we noticed and there was improved engagement in activities and events that were advertised this way.

We were very pleased to be able to continue to fund the experience days, welcome gifts for reception and leavers T-shirts for year 6 children and to commit to funding the Life Bus visit for all year groups for this current school year. We love that we can continue to offer the £100 per year group to spend on classroom resources that teacher would usually use their own money to purchase and we are pleased that our budget allows for the inclusion of kids club going forward. Our plans for the purchase of a microphone system for the KS2 hall has not yet happened but is still in the budget for the near future. In a moment we will look at our plans for our next big purchase.

I have had the privilege of working with a fantastic team of Trustees, Staff and Helpers who have given their time and energy so that the pupils, our children, can be provided with some of those 'little and sometimes not so little extras' in order that their experience of school is both productive and memorable.

Special thanks goes to Mrs Probert, Mrs Pope and Mrs Skinner as they have fostered the relationship between school and the PTA, helping to gather ideas and feedback and to champion our cause to the staff.

I am very grateful for the ongoing support, guidance and trust given by our head teacher, Mrs Verney-Davis and by the administrative staff who deal with our many and varied queries with patience and understanding. Without their unwavering support the PTA would not function as we do.

Finally, a word of appreciation to everyone involved in the PTA events this year, your commitment and willingness to contribute has been incredible, your efforts and generosity ensure the PTA continues to strengthen. We look forward to 2023-24.