



St. Michael's C of E Primary School PTA

Chair's Report School Year 2021-2022

Nominal/Interim Chair: Rosalind Owen

Co-Chairs (in waiting): Hannah Cabral and Claire Bird

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We have had a really good year, despite starting the year without a parent chairperson. Since then, we have a new committee in waiting, who are full of great ideas about getting back to live events and inviting parents back into school.

What did PTA funds pay for in 2020 – 2021?

- Project Dreams Come True fundraising towards eventual refurbishment of the school garden.
- Class Bursaries have paid for:
 - A class visit to the Living Rainforest
 - A Wreath making workshop
 - Books and reading support
 - Butterfly growing kit
 - Various other classroom supplies
 - Christmas gifts
 - Leavers Hoodies for Year 6
 - School Theatre Visits
 - Christmas crackers for school Christmas dinner
 - Easter Eggs for each child from the Easter Bunny

What events did the PTA organise in 2021 – 2022?

- Hamper Giveaways at Christmas and Summer
- Non-Uniform Days for donations and other gifts.
- Winter Light Trail - 8th December 2021 - 7th January 2022
- Winter Fair 7th December 2021
- Christmas Wreath Sale – partnering with Bunkers Hill
- Afternoon Film Clubs (1st April, 17th June)
- International Evening 19th May 2022
- May Dancing Teas 27th May, 2022
- Tea and Cake Sale 7th April 2022
- School Disco 23rd June 2022
- Summer Shindig 15th July 2022

PTA COMMITTEE

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At the beginning of the school year 2020-2021 at the Annual General Assembly (21st September 2021) Georgina Bygott stepped down as Chair of the PTA and Angela Wenham stepped down as secretary. Dee Taylor was elected as new secretary. Anvita Matilal was re-elected as treasurer. The position of chair of the PTA committee was left vacant and Mrs Owen stepped in cover the post as nominal chair in the interim while waiting for a parent to come forwards for the role. An EGM held on 5th October to elect a new chair but no volunteer came forwards and the post remained empty.

A further EGM was called on 17th March at which Hannah Cabral and Claire Bird came forward to cover the role of chair for the remainder of the 2021-2022 academic year, with the intention of being elected at the AGM at the start of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Hannah and Claire were both moved by Mrs Owen's words "this is not just a school you drop your children off and leave, it is a community school". We felt this was not only true, but also important coming out of lockdown and trying to resume into normality. We were keen to bring people together again after the pandemic.

PTA MEETINGS

Meetings were held over Zoom during the first 2 terms of the year and in person during the summer term.

All parents were invited to attend (via Parentmail and Whatsapp Groups). Mrs Owen attended meetings representing the teachers and liaised with the teachers as needed. The PTA committee attended all meetings with various parents attending each meeting.

The first in person meeting was held in school on 26th April and was particularly well attended with 12 parents in attendance.

AUTUMN TERM 2021

In the first term of the school year the PTA committee was limited due to lack of a chair. Despite this, a small Christmas Fair brought families into the hall for the first PTA event bringing people together since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic. A successful Winter Lights Trail, Christmas hamper Giveaway and a Christmas Wreath Sale also brought community engagement and raised funds for the school. These events happened due to a considerable effort from the small, dedicated PTA team and took a lot of organisation and coordination among the committee and the school. Special thanks must be given to Judith and Mrs Owen who stepped in to help provide extra support the PTA in the absence of a chair.

SPRING TERM 2022

The first community event led by Hannah and Claire was a Tea and Cake Sale (Friday 7th April) in the playground after school where Mrs Owen kindly allowed the children to stay and play in the playground. There was free tea and coffee for parents and carers and a small cake sale which parents donated to very generously. This event was well attended, showing the appetite for events among the school community and the many parents willing to volunteer their time to support the school.

Regular afternoon Film Clubs took place through the Spring term. These were run by the teachers after school once a month with snacks provide by the PTA. We would like to thank Mrs Owen and the teachers who gave up their time after school on a Friday to supervise the children at these events.

SUMMER TERM 2022

The summer term brought back many of the traditional fixtures of the school social calendar for the first-time post covid.

International Evening (19th May) took place in the school playground and was very well attended with many families coming in traditional clothing and generous contributions of food from all around the globe.

The PTA provided tea and cakes for May Dancing on 27th May, 2022

The School Disco was held on 23rd June 2022. Parents purchased tickets in advance through Parent Mail with 2 sessions being held for KS1 and KS2. Extra funds were raised at this event by running a small social area with a bar for parents and also adding an option on Parentmail to allow parents to make an additional donation on top of their ticket price if they wanted to.

We ended the year with a Summer Shindig on 15th July 2022. This event combined the finals of the school World Cup Football Tournament with a small school fair, BBQ and Bar. Special thanks goes to Simon for his enthusiasm inspiring children to take part in the football tournament and for bringing in players from Oxford City Football Club attended to demonstrate their skills.

THANKS

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who help to make these events a success: Sarah the poster maker, our Disco DJ, the cake bakers, the tea makers, the BBQers, the stall runners, the helping hands with setting up and clearing up and everyone who has contributed to PTA events in some way- including those who attended events and spent money/ made donations!



LOOKING AHEAD- 2022-2023

In the new academic year, we have lots of plans for community events to bring people together and fundraising ideas. We plan to run a clothes swap in school on 21st October and have purchased fireworks with the intention of running a Bonfire Night on 4th November. We also plan to run a Christmas Fair and to start an online fundraising campaign for a secret garden around the pond area.