Moreton Say C of E Primary School - PTA Chair Report

Annual AGM

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Welcome everyone, thank you for attending this 2022/23 AGM.

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone, you have all in some form played a part in helping the PTA be a success over the last twelve months. A hug thankyou to the committee, the volunteers, the staff, and parents.

We have had another brilliant year, and we are certainly back to our 'normal' way of life with Covid a distant memory. The support that we saw in 2021/22 as we came back from Covid is still strong, with people supporting the school events and each other. I certainly feel the PTA provides a real team spirit with everyone helping where they can and really looking out for each other. I am sure this team unity will continue, and we welcome new parents and carers joining the school this year to be involved and part of the PTA community.

Objectives.

The objectives of the PTA are to organise fundraising events and activities for the children making these as much fun as possible, to involve as many people as we can and to access funding and grants on behalf of the school where applicable.

As parents, grandparents, careers, teachers, teaching assistants and staff of the children of the school, we are automatically members of the PTA.

This year, we continued to see an increase in active membership resulting in us being able to continue to facilitate events for the children to enjoy and make lasting memories.

Committee

We have an elected committee who manage all aspects of the PTA on a day-to-day basis.

Current committee

Chair - Becky Baxter Vice Chair - Anna Truman

Treasurer - Catherine Humphries

Secretary - Lucy Bower

This year there are no resignations, which reinforces what great support we have and proves through all the hard work and efforts put in, the results are truly rewarding. Although there are no resignations this year, in line with our constitution, re-election needs to take place for all roles. Committee election is completed via nomination and a second to the proposed motion and will take place in this meeting.

From a personnel perspective, I have again thoroughly enjoyed my role as Chair and involvement in the committee. While I have not resigned from the committee this year, if I am to continue as chair this would be my final year as my time at Moreton Say comes to an end with my daughter finishing in 2025. Being a part of the committee and events has always been fun, bonkers at times, but through all the craziness I have never regretted being involved and encourage others to join in as much or as little as they like.

We are always looking for input and ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them and in doing so, support our school. If you have any suggestions, these can be made at PTA meetings, email to school or find us in the playground and have a chat.

The AGM is the PTAs only strictly formal meeting of the year, covering committee elections and the treasures report.

Before we commence these formalities, I would like to take a few moments to extend some thankyous.

- Firstly a massive thank you to Helen and Nicola in the front office to whom we are always extremely grateful for their continued support. Without Helen and Nicola you probably would not know about half of the events and activities we arrange. Not only do they support us through communication they help arrange diary dates, DBS checks, photocopying, and many more ad hoc requests. Thank you...
- Also a huge thank you to the members of the committee who yet again have somehow managed to pull together despite having to work, look after children, cook, clean, do reading, spellings, wash forest school clothing and with many other things getting in the way. Thank you...

It goes without saying, that without all the PTA helpers, who generously bake, man stalls, lend equipment, make coconut shy and cornhole games, sponsor, donate and contribute there would be no PTA.

A summary of some of last year's activities

- Based on the success of the previous year summer fete we took the same approach. It was a shame the weather was not on our side, but thankfully the Clive Hall was available, and we were permitted to use it so the event continued with success, raising a huge £569.
- Ice cream sales after school on a Friday when the sun is shining has raised £145.
- The Easter Egg hunt which is not a fund-raising event was completed for both school and nursery as per previous years, but this year it was a little more challenging with the children having to find wooden eggs containing a letter and then work out the phase or word before they could claim their sweet surprise. Feedback from the children was that this was great fun, and they would like something similar next year.
- Easter and Christmas fundraising hamper events raised over £700.
- Pancakes in the Clive Hall, again a fun event for the children to come to the hall and enjoy a pancake loaded with fruit and sauces of their choice. Dietary requirements for food intolerances were considered so no one missed out. And those who did not like pancakes enjoyed the fruit.
- Christmas Wreaths an activity for the grownups raised over £100, I believe there are some funds still within Spider that need to be transferred.
- Pantomime Trip every year the PTA work hard to help fund the trip to Market Drayton Festival Centre's seasonal pantomime, we were delighted to be able to do so this year.
- Winter Disco A fun event with some fund raising, everyone loves a school disco! The fund raising paid for the disco and food with funds raised of £60.
- Poppy and Autumn Crafts our volunteers spent hours coming up with ideas and sourcing materials then go
 into school with 'here's one I made earlier' examples to demonstrate to the children and help them make
 their own creations.
- There are many others....

I hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain more support and build upon what has been previously achieved. I wish everyone well and thank you all once again.

Best wishes	
Becky	

Current Chair