

## **Introduction**

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 2023 to July 2024.

This year PAWS has had 2 Co- Chairs. We have both been on committee since 2021 when our daughters started in reception class, and decided to take up the role in a joint capacity when our previous chair stood down.

## **Co Chair Highlights**

23-24 was another successful year of fundraising, we wanted to share with you some of our highlights.

### **Disco**

One of my highlights which I would like to share with you in the Valentines Disco, it was the first disco as a committee so we were very much starting from scratch. We learnt a lot along the way working closely with the school. Seeing the faces of children on the night of disco made all the hard- work worthwhile.

### **Summer Fair**

A highlight for me was the summer fair, this was our first year of me and Nicole organising the event and implementing changes. The event being held on a Saturday, providing bouncy castles and hosting our own food rather than using food vans. It wasn't all smooth sailing with hotdog maths and many attempts to get the numbers right on the catering. Finding the best bounce castle to suit the varying ages of the school and ensure everyone can join in. On the day though the event was a huge success, Debbie's suggestion of the year 6s running their own stalls proved to be a huge hit too. Another highlight for many of the students was the staff in the stocks, a long queue and many happy faces, surprisingly from the staff too. A fun day for all round and lots of money raised for the school.

### **Grants**

We were fortunate to receive two grants last year helping to increase our spending. We received a grant from Waitrose which was spent on reading books and resources to improve reading in school. We also received a grant from one of the Governors which was spent on blind for the preschool. A huge thank you to the two parents who helped to put us in contact with these companies and secure this funding.

### **Looking Forward**

Our Treasurer Marianna will shortly update on the profits raised this year and the money in the bank account. We have started to receive quotes for new KS2 play equipment. We are excited to show you

the designs later and hear your feedback. This next year we will continue to support some of standard spending but we hope to finish fundraising and get the new play equipment installed! We also hope to apply for more grants to help us reach our fundraising goals.

### **Thank you**

There are so many people we wish to Thank, without their help throughout the year we wouldn't have been able to put on so many events.

We thank all the staff at the school for their continued support. We have been well supported across all teams within the school, preparing and running events. Thank you to Emma Verney- Davis all the Teaching Staff, Admin team, Kitchen Team, Preschool, Kids Club and Mr Carter.

A special Thank You to Debbie Pope, Sarah Hill, Katie Skinner and Clare Probert who continue to support the PAWS committee. We are grateful to Mrs Probert and all the years she has been on the committee. After 14 years on the Committee she stood down in March as a committee member but still continues to support us at events.

We want to thank all the parents at the school who continue to attend and support our events. We have had lots of parents supporting us either by using their contacts to help us secure raffle prizes and give a small amount of time during events to run a stall or staying afterwards to help clear up! Thank you, the small amount of time you donate makes a big difference!

We Thank Paula Melville for her last year on the committee. She is the font of all knowledge when it comes to PTA rules and regulations and her dedication to the school has made such a difference raising £almost 70,000 during her time on the committee. Thank you for trusting and supporting us in this last year and everything you have done for PAWS.

Last (but no means least) thank you to our wonderful committee of dedicated volunteers who attend all the meetings and events! I was given some feedback from a parent about our latest event. They said how amazing it is that a small group of people can create such excitement and hype within our school community. Jade, Marianna, Jess, Ruth, Priya, Debbie, Sarah and Katie this past year would not have been possible without you.