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Headteacher Report – St John's Primary School Parent Teacher Association 2022/23

I have loved every single minute of my first year as Headteacher at St John's School. I have been admirably supported by our wonderful staff team, the delightful children, you wonderful parents, but I must say that the support of the PTA at all turns, has been truly remarkable.

Working well as one, the PTA and school have worked together to provide the fun and social side of school life, the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

To name a few personal highlights; the first "Break the Rules" day was a huge success. We had to be very clear as to the rules that could be broken, however the children loved this new take on the traditional dress down day! The PTA quiz was very well supported by members of the School Community. I started the quiz as a team of one and soon realised that I may struggle to place high on the leader board so blamed the Wi-Fi, pulling out after a couple of questions and subsequently offering my help in the serving of hot dogs! Finally, the School Discos were very well received by all who attended. DJ Godden was on form, whipping the crowd into a frenzy. Glow sticks were everywhere, sweets were devoured, and most children ended very hot and sweaty, but most importantly all left with a smile upon their face.

This year in February we welcomed a team, including Island colleagues, as part of the Jersey School Review Process into school. The process was thorough, informative and helped shape "our path" moving our school standards forwards. The final published report highlights good relationships across school with our students, it identifies that attainment standards for our pupils compares favourably with other Island Primary Schools, and it simply states that "pupils are consistently well taught by skilled practitioners." The aspect though, that pleased me most as the Headteacher was stated in the first line of the report. This stated that as Headteacher I had "gained the wholehearted support of the school community." This was the easy part of the job; the community at St John's, and in particular our PTA members, gave me great support from the very moment I walked through the doors.

With significant levels of staff turnover at the beginning of the academic year community events and "performances" needed to be considered. A great deal of expertise left/retired and a relatively different "skill set" replaced these staff. Christmas plans changed and we enjoyed three different celebrations: a collaboration between Nursey and Year 3, a performance from our Reception Class alongside Key Stage 1 and a lovely community service at St. John's Church led by our three eldest classes. The grand performance was moved to the end of the year: The Mystery of Magpie Manor. The whole of Key Stage 2 contributed and were led superbly by Mrs Day. The performance came together beautifully, and I was so very proud as Headteacher to hear the audience responses post-performance- the list of superlatives to describe their efforts could go one and on!

This year, I would like to thank the PTA for their substantial contribution towards the upcoming creation of a new mural by the local artist, Mrs Lauren Radley. She plans to work alongside our older children to create a "Map of St. John's" with the school in the centre. This will take pride of place, once completed, in the newly developed School Library.

The PTA committee has been so positive, constructive, and optimistic this year. The meetings have been enjoyable to be part of. The members have done all they can to help the school, even if that has meant

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attending meetings remotely whilst simultaneously putting the children to bed. The determination of our chairperson to deliver events and opportunities for our children is outstanding. The volume of work Mrs Kerry McBrearty, ably supported by her team, puts into the setting up and running of these events can go unnoticed. So, on behalf of all the staff and children at St John's school, thank you for everything the PTA do.

We are looking forward to working closely with the PTA to enrich our offer to the children and their families in this new academic year, whatever it may have in store for us!

Mr Jamie Hazley
Headteacher