



St John's School PTA AGM Chairperson Report September 2023

As always the PTA has had a very busy year and I would like to tell you what we have been up to

The PTA funded the purchase of book bags for all reception children starting school in September 2022 allowing them to take reading books home and keep them in good condition.

October brought the first "break the rules" day organised by the PTA which was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils with the ability to break up to 4 rules whilst raising funds for the PTA as each rule could be broken for a 50p donation.

Pizza Box were back in the playground in October, offering St Johns families a brilliant deal and donating a percentage of the proceeds to the PTA. A big thank you to James and Liz Matthewson. The PTA also held a successful 2nd hand toy and book sale in November.

Deco Day and the School Christmas Party were both held with a welcome return of PTA helpers in school, helping the children to decorate the whole school and also decorating Christmas tree shaped cookies to take home. The Parish Hall kindly let the PTA host a Christmas party lunch for all pupils followed by a visit from Father Christmas and a selection box present for each child purchased by the PTA.

The PTA also held a Christmas Raffle and were kindly donated prizes from local businesses, this was drawn at school at the end of term. We also held a Christmas wreath making evening for parents to make and take home their own creations.

As part of the Tortoise Trail, School purchased a small tortoise which will be housed in the school library and the PTA donated half the cost of the Tortoise. We also helped school to sell the wonderful Tortoise Tote Bags the children had designed in order to raise the other half of the funds required.

In February 2023 the PTA held a Family Quiz in the Parish Hall. The quiz was held utilising Kahoot and food was provided in the interval and everyone attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We had a great 2nd hand book sale for World Book day in March, it was lovely to see the children spending time picking their books and helping to encourage their love of reading. The PTA also purchased each class a new book of their choice.

In April the PTA held an Easter Egg raffle and cake sale, many thanks to everyone who brought in cakes, the children really do love a cake sale and is often requested by them.

May saw a Coronation Lunch organised by the PTA. All the children ate their party lunch prepared by the PTA in the Parish Hall. It was really fantastic to be able to have lunch all together celebrating the Kings Coronation and seeing all the fabulous crowns made by the children.

We purchased oranges for the St Juffs walk and Ice Lollies for the last week of summer term and purchased reusable plastic plates for the Christmas party and any other forthcoming events. The PTA also paid half of the cost of the Year 6 leavers books.

June saw a School Disco organised by the PTA with 2 back to back discos for KS1 and KS2 accordingly. Sweet bags and glow sticks were given to everyone attending and the children had a great time dancing, playing games and enjoying the disco tunes.

The PTA have also donated half the cost of an upcoming community mural which will be homed in the new library and will involve pupil participation.

Summer term brought the return of an old favourite" Ice lolly Friday" with pupils running the extremely busy stall after school, bubble gum lollies were the firm favourite in 2023.

The PTA have been selling second hand school uniform during the whole school year doing a fantastic job to not only raise money for the PTA but to reuse and recycle.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped the PTA in the last school year we really couldn't have achieved all of this without you. We really appreciate all parent help provided at PTA events, St Johns School really does have a great sense of community.

Please feel free to come along to any PTA meetings (we have 1 at the start of each term) and don't worry if you turn up you that you will be burdened or expected to be at every event, I totally understand we are all trying to juggle work, children, home life and everything else that comes our way so any offer of help big or small is always appreciated, we are a friendly bunch and really welcome new ideas.

If anyone has any questions regarding the PTA please email stjohnschooljerseypta@gmail.com

Thank you once again for your continued support

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