



St Matthew's Primary School PTA – Registered Charity Number 288436

Chair's Report for September 2021 – August 2022

At last year's AGM we elected Marysol Bell as Secretary, Seb Wills as Treasurer and Laura Franks as Chair. In non-committee roles, Emma Willis remained as Events Coordinator and Tone Klausen remained as Classlist Manager & Instagram Manager. We are all grateful to Sarah Barratt for her continued support as teacher representative.

We have continued to build on the improvements to PTA communications this year, through the use of our website and social media accounts. Thanks to Tone for her help with Instagram this year, and to Emma for managing our Twitter account. We aim to continue to make it easier for parents to find out what the PTA is doing and distribute information to them.

Classlist continued to be an important way for us to quickly get messages out to parents and help enable communication among parents. We have also used it for Christmas / Greetings card orders and online token sales for the Summer Fair.

Covid continued to affect the Events we were able to hold during the past year. There was no Mr. Marvel Magic Show to welcome the new starters in Nursery and Reception, no discos, no Festive Fair, no Quiz Night and no cake sales.

Despite the interference of Covid, we were able to hold a Spooky Dress Up Day, which raised over £800 and a classroom window decorating competition. Both fantastically organised by Emma Willis. We would like to thank the class teachers for being so enthusiastic with their window decorating.

Kat Astley organised the Christmas / Greetings card fundraiser again last year. This is always very popular with the children and raised over £1,000.

Bags2School collections kept running, which generated £380. Kat Astley handed the organizational reins to Emily Dock during the course of last year, and we would like to thank them both very much for all their hard work.

Happily, we were able to go ahead with the Summer Fair in July. This was organised by Emma, who created a superb Event for the whole school. Many people, myself included, said it was the best Summer Fair they had ever attended. We thank Emma for all her hard work, and we will miss her fantastic organizational abilities.

We organised Year 6 Leavers hoodies again, still using the Hoodie Hut so parents could order directly online. The feedback from parents and children was positive. Once again,

those in receipt of Pupil Premium had their hoodie funded, the cost of which was covered entirely by a pay-it-forward scheme.

The PTA continued to operate the Fund St. Matthew's campaign, through which parents can donate money towards school projects.

Money raised through events, as well as donation and through schemes such as the Giving Machine and Amazon Smile, is spent fulfilling funding requests from teachers as well as school-wide projects. We have been able to fund a range of requests this year, there will be more on this in the Treasurer's Report to follow.

I would like to thank Charlotte Cornish for her efforts in keeping all the plants outside the school alive for another year. Huge thanks to all the Class Reps who have kept their classes informed of all the PTA activities this year, and to KidsRUs for continuing to move around the school when we have needed space for Events.

Finally, we would like to thank the school for their continued support of the PTA. In particular Tony Davies and the Senior Leadership Team, and the wonderful office staff who always go above and beyond, Wojtek for all his help, and Sarah Barratt for being such an amazing teacher representative.

Last but not least, thank you to all the parents and carer who have helped out in so many different ways and who continue to support the PTA and the school.

Laura Franks

Chair