



**St. Matthew's Primary School PTA  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 10th, 2022**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

**Present: Laura Franks, Tone Klausen, Kat Parks, Katie Porrer, Saswati Santon, Seb Wills, Tony Davies, Marysol Bell, Seb Wills, Aditi Vedi, Brgs Lenz**

**In Virtual Attendance: Emily Dock, Jeshika Moonsamg, Neta, Alison Moss, Hugh Williams, and Paula**

**Apologies: Sarah Barratt, Susie Ross, and Barry Evans**

**2. Minutes of previous AGM**

**3. Chair's Report: Summary of Events and Activities**

See [separate report](#)

**4. Treasurer's Report**

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**5. Mr. Davies: Update on School Funding**

Thanked the PTA for all of their efforts as well as Sarah Barratt for her hard work. Mr. Davies feels that the fundraising has been remarkable and that it has made a massive impact on what the school was able to do. The initial Fund St. Matthew's allowed certain students to stay in our school and without these funds, we would not have been able to keep these students in our school.

School finances have changed dramatically over the summer due to two big things. First, the energy price increases, which will impact the school from the end of the financial year. At present nothing is clear on that - even the energy companies don't understand the proposed school price cap.

Second, mandatory but unfunded pay rises for staff and teachers. The pay rises are less than inflation so are still pay cuts in real terms - just less of a cut than usual. Teacher and support staff salaries have decreased by 20% in real terms in the last 12 years or so. The sector now has a huge issue with recruitment, although St Matthew's is doing OK in that respect.

The impact of these pay changes is that the school budget is down around £80,000 to £90,000 for the rest of this financial year, depending on whether the government comes up with any additional funding - the school is in the dark about this. If they don't, things will be very bleak indeed next year. Many local schools, including St Matthew's, are going into a deficit budget this year, which Mr Davies described as an astonishing and scary situation.

Mr. Davies would prefer that the Fund St. Matthew's Funds is no longer funneled through to school directly but that the funds stay with the PTA and the PTA pay directly for items. This will ensure the money can be used with maximum impact rather than being swallowed up by any deficit budget.

Perhaps we can get some costs for actual projects and then a committee and move forward. Brgs volunteered to produce costings and a plan for some playground improvements.

Seb suggested that if we target one project and campaign for it - then we'd get more money.

There is talk about the government capping the energy costs for schools but what this will look like we don't know yet.

How much money are we likely to raise during the course of the year - and how much would we like to spend and how much would we like to leave as a contingency. Perhaps having a staged approach that is self sufficient -

Tony presenting on the behalf of Sarah Barratt:

1). Nussy renewal - we suggested a google form request.

2). Toy - Book - and Clothing Exchange for families that are struggling. Perhaps one Friday in November, we can ask parents to bring in the above items and families that are in need can come and take what they need. The idea is that this is a one off and we can see how it goes. Sarah Barratt and two ex-St Matthew's parents are running this but will be asking for help from other parents. The idea of a permanent 'clothing bank' wardrobe at the school was raised but there is no space.

3). Educational visits - residential trips - coach companies can only guarantee prices for one month given the uncertain cost of fuel. Mr. Davies is now starting to feel a bit uncomfortable asking families to spend £450 per child for the week away. Now beginning to rethink the trip to find ways to make it more affordable for families. Two ideas suggested were perhaps we could select a closer venue and or fewer days away or both.

Seb suggested that the pay it forward scheme could be used on forms that request funds from families. The point was also made that for the past two years, the pay it forward scheme has raised enough funds to cover hoodies for pupil premium students.

## 6. Election of New Committee

Laura Franks has stepped down as Chair - she is happy to continue on as Events Coordinator and was elected to that role as a Committee member. Seb offered to continue as treasurer and was re-elected.

Marysol offered to continue as secretary and was re-elected.

Tone will continue to be our Classlist and Instagram representative (non-committee role).

Nobody stood for election as Chair, so this position is unfilled. We will publicize the open role to parents, inviting them to volunteer for it,

**emphasizing that it can be narrow in scope and doesn't mean picking up any tasks that nobody else does.**

## **7. Plans for the Year/Fundraising**

### **Provisional Dates:**

**Oct. 14th - year 6 cake sale (confirmed)**

**Oct. 21st - Spooky Disco (confirmed)**

**Nov. 18th - reception cake sale**

**Dec. 16th - Festive Fair**

**Jan. 20th - year one cake sale**

**Mar 3rd - year two cake sale**

**March 28th - Bags to School**

**Date to be determined - Spring Disco**

**- Year 3 cake Sale**

**May - Potentially a quiz night if someone can be found to organize it**

**May 12th - year 4 cake sale**

**June 16th - cake sale**

**July 14th - Summer Fair**

### **Fundraising -**

**The PTA was selected as one of the Coop Community Fund's local charities, for one year, following an application put in earlier this year. From the end of October, Co-op members can choose St. Matthew's PTA as the organisation that will receive money from the Co-op every time they make a purchase.**

## **8. Any Other Business**

**Brgs brought up the need to address the situation in the bathrooms. Aditi said she has put it on the agenda for the Governors' meeting.**