

RAPS PARENT, TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AGM
CHAIR'S REPORT
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AGM TUESDAY 09TH NOVEMBER 2021

The last year has been a difficult one for the PTFA, what with the numerous lockdowns and restrictions that was put in place, it has made any fundraising events and activities near on impossible. Our previous AGM was held in a partial lockdown, to which I took over as Chair, this role has been quite a challenge as I was unable to hold any PTFA meetings, therefore any possible handover or rules on how to run the PTFA was very difficult.

However, we were still able to manage to get a few things organised throughout this year, such as the Christmas Pantomime and holding an Easter Raffle, which were both a great success. We also managed to purchase 3 new 'all weather' gazebos for the use of the school and funded the fish and chip suppers for both the school leavers and the Abbey sleepover events.

We did have a couple of events like the 5 a side football tournament and a Spring Photo Competition, to which unfortunately were not so successful, but lessons were learnt from this.

At the end of each year, the school along with the PTFA normally organise a few activities or events for the school leavers but due to the lockdown and restrictions were unable to hold many of these activities. However, with the massive input of Chloe (our PTFA Secretary), Leigh-Anne Jackson (Year 6 Representative) and myself, we totally organised all of the Year 6 leavers' a personalised hoodie, which had their names on the sleeves, as well as being able to choose whatever colour they wished. The children were also presented with a book with illustrations and notes covering their time at the Romsey Abbey School.

As for the remaining time we have for the rest of 2021 up until Christmas, we look forward to having the Pantomime again, to which all of the children will get to enjoy and we are also holding a Christmas Raffle and Bottle Tombola. The bottle tombola will be the result of an up and coming non-school uniform day/bring a bottle which we will be holding on the Friday 26th November 2021.

On a final note, we hope the new year we will be coming out of this pandemic and with the lifting of restrictions, will give us a chance to flourish once again as the PTFA continue to raise vital funds to help give the children and our school those added extras and special events.