

Romsey Abbey C of E Primary School
Parent Teacher Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24 September 2019

CHAIR'S REPORT 2018/2019

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The Romsey Abbey School Parent Teacher Association is a charity, which is run by a committee elected each year at the AGM. The current committee has been led by three main officers and trustees of the PTA, which consists of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. As a PTA, the committee members are made up of parents, carers, teachers and non-teaching staff currently employed by the school.

The main aims of the PTA is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for the education at the school, as well as extending relationships between the staff, parents, pupils and general community within the school. The PTA also help with the organising of events, as well as engage other parents in the activities held throughout the academic year, which supports the school and advances the education of the pupils attending it.

I have held the position of Chair for the last two years and for both of these years, to date they have been fantastic with regards to the school's events and activities and have been thoroughly enjoyed by all. This year, as in previous years, the PTA have continued to hold our more traditional events and activities, such as our regular cake and uniform sales, school discos, Easter events and not forgetting our main fundraising event 'the Summer Fete' and so on, but again this year we have added extra activities, events and fundraisers to our diary.

I am pleased to say that most of these functions have been the suggestions or ideas of all of our parents, teachers, staff and general school community, to which have come forward to the attention of the PTA and therefore actioned, many having achieved a great success. This is what I believe the PTA is all about and that is bringing the whole school community together.

It would take me all evening to go through all of our events etc that have taken place this year, therefore I wish to highlight a few of the items relevant to some of our achievements and successes.

- £1000 raised towards new school hall projector and sound system
- £500 raised for the reception class to purchase new resources after having extended their classroom to outdoors
- Outdoor climbing frame – PTA helping with match funding of school lottery grant
- Supported 2 events with the Romsey Abbey (1st Nov. 2018 Light Party for families and 5th March Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party)
- Christmas Fair 2018 raised £734.89
- Summer Fete
- Fundraiser for Breakfast, Lunchtime and After school clubs – Spring Table Top Sale, raising approx. £140
- Sports Day, raised £406.83
- June & July Ice Cream Sales, raised £185.94 and End of year 2nd hand uniform, sweet, drinks and ice cream sale raised £106.50

Overall, this year has been a very busy and eventful year, to which I have enjoyed immensely. It has been hard work, but worth every moment and for this I give many, huge thanks to the parents, teachers, staff and not forgetting the children, for their amazing time, cooperation, help and support, to which allowed us to hold all of our events and activities. Having said this, at times we have struggled with finding helpers and

volunteers and on occasion been let down by the lack of support. However, I have found that having continued with the parent year representatives, they have played a vital role with regards to the communication between all of the school's staff, teachers and parents within the school, keeping all informed and up to date with all activities, events and general need to know information within our school community.

As I have already mentioned, this year has been a very busy and eventful year and have loved every minute of it and as it is my daughter's last year, I have made the decision to continue to represent our school's PTA as Chair, hopefully with the tremendous and continued support of the parents, teachers, staff, children and not forgetting our Headmistress Mrs Palfrey and governors, to which I owe a great gratitude.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the love, care, help and support shown throughout this last year and wish the PTA and our school community all the very best for the year ahead.