

Welcome everybody and thank you for coming tonight.

This year has been my first year as chair of the PTA and we have seen some changes, some of our experienced members have stepped down from their roles and moved on, and we have had some new faces join us, which is fantastic!

We are a small PTA, and we have a busy school calendar, but everybody here always gives 100% into our fundraising, as do those who aren't necessarily able to make it to meetings, but contribute in other ways. We have had a brilliant year of fundraising, starting the year in our usual way with the calendars, Christmas cards and the autumn term cinema night. As Christmas came around we held our annual Christmas Disco and Christmas cinema night, as well as selling the reindeer food and Santa keys at the Christmas plays alongside festive snacks from the school hall during the KS1 play. The cinema nights remained as popular as ever throughout the year, continuing the fundraising until the Easter Bingo, which was both a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. I feel we have to give special thanks to Karen for this, for her excellent job as a bingo caller! We carried on towards the end of the year with our Spring Disco and finished the year in style with the annual PTA BBQ, when the weather was on our side and the event was a huge success.

At the last count we had raised well over £6000 with our fundraising efforts and still counting! The treasurer's report will give us our final figure shortly.

Our usual pledges of a communion cake for the year 3 children celebrating their first Holy Communion, alongside a contribution to the year six leavers' party were made. We also were able to pledge £7000 towards the school's iPads. As we embark into the 2019/20 school year we focus on fundraising to reach our pledge of £2000 towards books for the school.

There is a lot of work that goes on by our PTA, both visible to our school community and behind the scenes in meetings, organising donations, ensuring our events run smoothly. I would like to thank all of you for the time and effort that you have put in over the last year, I know how hard it is juggling work, family and other commitments and I really do appreciate that you all go above and beyond. Thank you to Karen for her work this year as Treasurer, and Lisa for her work as Secretary. I would also like to thank the teachers, without whose time and effort a lot of our fundraising events would not be possible, with a special thanks to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kane for your time and commitment to our meetings and the organisation of our events. My thanks is extended to the school staff- Mrs Dawson for allowing us to take over her kitchen, Mr Leacey for his moving of tables and other logistical help, and the office ladies who help with the administration (and always with a smile!).

Final thanks goes to the families in our school for continuing to attend our events and support the school. We are very lucky to have such a great community and this year, I would like to try and increase the PTA's presence and visibility within the school community, which will hopefully continue to encourage people to get involved!

I have enjoyed my first year as chair, and I look forward to the upcoming year!

Thank you all once more,

Claire