

PTA AGM 13th September 2018

Our small village school community is proud to have such a supportive PTA which has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Debbie Holbeche. Debbie has welcomed parents who have taken on key roles or offered help at events. I know Debbie is now ready to step down from the role of Chair and I would like to thank her for all her time and effort.

PTA highlights in 2017-18 have been the continuation of the School lottery by Anne Haughtey; this considerably reduces the cost to parents for school trips, whilst giving them the opportunity to win a half-termly prize. We also had a well-supported Halloween disco, film nights, Christmas fayre, Easter hunt, Mothers/Father's day secret rooms and another successful summer fete.

This year funds raised have not only supported trips, our text message service and seasonal events but also gave our first year 6 cohort a great send off, with a day in London. The PTA also helped to improve our reading corners in every class to support our target of 'encouraging children to read widely'. The outdoor maps on the gable end of the mobile are also very much appreciated as well as work on the garden.

It is great to have a primary school with just under 100 pupils and we welcomed 14 children to reception in Sept. As a small school our budget is very tight and I work closely with the Governing body to ensure that we have a high quality of teaching; this is reflected in our results. It is the PTA which enables us to achieve **the extras** which makes our school unique.

Money raised is always spent immediately on our pupils, and this is something I feel very strongly about, so that those raising the money see the benefits for their children. In the last 5 years money has been spent:

- The text/email system is invaluable and well used.
- Redecoration of the school main corridor.
- EYFS outdoor equipment the play ship has been very popular.
- New Coomber PA system for productions and assemblies.
- School trips have been subsidised and Christmas events.
- Oscars and medals purchased for leavers, and leavers party.
- Banners to promote the school.
- Two sets of laptops and trolley.
- Updated our reading schemes and reading corners.
- Forest school/garden improvements.

One of the key Ofsted judgements under the new framework is 'the effectiveness of the school's engagement with parents and carers' and the 'quality of the school's communication'. As a PTA you have contributed massively to this key objective by:

- Providing the text system and supporting the website
- Marketing the school through events and distribution of leaflets
- Planning and organising school events which celebrate our core values for children eg Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day etc.
- Fundraising activities to meet the priorities of the School Development plan.

Our targets this year are to further improve reading at home and in school and this will be the theme for our Open morning on 4th October. In addition, we are focusing on challenge in maths and Mr.Purdie is sharing training with staff, as our Maths co-ordinator. We also keen to work with parents on E Safety – particularly in the light of some of the issues associated with games now available. We are always looking to improve our lunchtime and after school offer.

Our priorities for 2018-19 :

- PTA to fund transport to Malvern for whole school Christmas panto trip.
- Further investment in ICT, laptops : 15 laptops per class group.
- Completion and rota to maintain our garden area.

I look forward very much to 2018-19 and working with new and existing members, and I would personally like to thank you everyone for their continued support and also the contribution of our staff team.

Thank you,

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

