

AGM – 11th September 2024

Chair's report

Co-chairs – Layla Ackrill & Claire Edwards

I am honoured to present the Chair's report for the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Stoke Prior First School's Parent Teacher Association. This is our first year as Co-chairs and I feel like we have had a hugely successful year. We are a small but mighty team of volunteers, with our main aim being that of raising vital funds for our school to enrich our children's learning experience. Our Treasurer Katie will provide our financial report in due course.

Firstly, I would like to start by explaining a little about how the PTA is run. The PTA is a registered charity, which is governed by the Charity Commission. There are 4 trustees – myself and Claire as Co-chairs, Katie as Treasurer and Ali as Secretary. We are a separate legal entity from the school, and it is the legal responsibility of the trustees to ensure that the charity is run well. We are governed by a constitution which is our own set of rules. The trustees, alongside the wider committee are ultimately the decision makers on how PTA funds are spent and to ensure that the funds and other resources are managed responsibly.

The last year has been one of many positive changes, not only within our team of PTA Volunteers, but also within the school. We continue to make strides in supporting our school community and promoting a spirit of collaboration and engagement. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements this year.

This academic year we have sought to bring in some new and exciting events, and boy have we been busy! The first half of the year saw us host our first Movie night in several years, our Spooky Spoons competition and our new and improved Christmas Grotto. We also ran a Smarties Challenge, Christmas & Summer Fetes, our Sponsored bounce, our annual Easter egg hunt (not forgetting our cheeky chick) and Summer Festival. Alongside these bigger events we have raised funds from countless Frozen Fridays, Cake Bakes, Pre-loved uniform sales, Lottery and our new permanent clothes recycling bin. From these events and grants we have raised a huge £15,687! This is up from £13,538 in 2023. Fantastic, I'm sure you'll all agree!

The PTA continue to benefit pupils. This year our major spend was on the installation of our outdoor gym and of new playground benches. Huge thanks go to Claire Edwards for securing grants towards the cost of these. We have also funded a whole school Christmas experience, the Pantomime, Easter gifts, books, iPads and the animal man, with many more projects underway.

I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers and committee members who provide support for decision making and running events. Our volunteers are appreciated beyond measure, we can't do any of these events without them. I thank everyone for their involvement, enthusiasm, and dedication. Together we have made a positive impact on the lives of our children and school community. I am confident that our PTA will have another great year and will continue to flourish.

Layla Ackrill – Co-Chair