



Lyne & Longcross C of E (Aided) School & Nursery
Registered Charity No. 1135079

Co-Chair's Report 2022/23

Introduction

Thank you for coming to our AGM meeting.

The objective of the PTFA is to enrich our children's school experience. We do this by fundraising through organising fun events and activities in and after school for the children and grownups, as well as creating a social network of members.

The PTFA is run by a committee elected each year at the AGM. The AGM meeting is the only formal meeting of the year for the PTFA and deals with the formalities of committee elections, financial audits, reviews and plans for the future.

2022/23 in review

2022/23 has been exceptionally busy with the PTFA hosting an incredible 28 events throughout the year. We have implemented cashless payments, re-introduced monthly class bake sales, organised termly non-uniform days and opened our first ever Mother's and Father's Day gift shop.

The re-introduction of the bake sales certainly created a hype with the children, encouraged children to help sell to their friends and created a little competition between the classes. This regular event certainly seems to be a highlight for the kids which has allowed us to raise funds for class treats specifically for each year group.

Our most successful fundraising events were the Christmas hampers, the Christmas Disco and our sponsored Jingle Bell Jog. This event brought the whole school together to participate in a fun run to raise money for the school along with providing physical and emotional benefits, a lot of laughter and social interaction. A much needed event following the months of disruption due to Covid-19.

In addition to fundraising for specific events, the PTFA also fund Easter eggs and chocolate gifts from Santa for the whole school as well as, year 6 leavers gifts, some of which are sourced from charitable donations.

Wanting to end the academic year on a high the PTFA brought the school community together for our very first Mini Lyne Fest. Despite the downpours during the event this did not stop the families from getting stuck in and having a good time.

We continued to raise money with the use of Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile, whilst the number of participants is still small, this has proved to be worthwhile.

We have continued to liaise with the Chair of Governor, Lizzie Wayland, who is very supportive of our activities and the important role of the PTFA in enriching the lives of all children. Upon receiving a list of fundraising goals last year, we collaborated with a local charity Mens Shed who kindly designed and created a large bug hotel especially for our Forest school.

After a successful year of fundraising we are very proud to be in a position to be able to fund 30 brand new Chromebooks as part of the technology upgrade within the school. In addition, we are delighted to contribute to the new KS1 phonics books.

Olga will present her Treasurer's report which will show our year in numbers.

Acknowledgements

We personally would like to thank the PTFA Committee; Olga Christofi, Rachel Prance-Beresford, Celia Gatward and Charlotte Evans for their continued support and sacrifice during the year which is much appreciated.

Thank you to Sian Ratcliffe in the school office and Harriet Anderton, who have been a huge support to the PTFA and integral to our success.

A special thanks goes to Sally Turner for her continued support with the school uniform, lost property and regular volunteer support.

We would also like to thank the 2022/23 class reps who stepped forward to represent their class, promote PTFA activities, run the bake sales, organise the Christmas hampers and liaise between the Committee and the classes. You have done a fantastic job.

Finally, a massive thanks goes to all the parents, teachers and pupils who supported our events. Without you, these events can not happen.

Committee into 2023/24

The current Committee are all standing down at this AGM, with the exception of Rachel Prance-Beresford. Charlotte and I have been in our roles for the last year and due to personal commitments we no longer have the time to devote to the Chairs responsibilities. Olga and Charlotte E will also be stepping down due to full time work commitments.

We will need to fill these roles in order for the charity to continue raising funds for the school. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we have not received enough interest in the roles to form an official PTFA Committee.

In the event that the 3 committee roles are not filled the PTFA will need to be disbanded and unfortunately we will no longer be able to run events throughout the year to fundraise for school resources.

We will shortly conduct a formal vote to elect a new Committee.

Finally

We would like to say thank you to Mr Haxell and Miss Bodley for their ongoing support with our fundraising initiatives.

We wish the new PTFA Committee the best of luck for the year ahead.

Charlotte Petrides and Kate Kubicki

Co-Chairs

12th September 2023