



**Chair Report
PTA AGM
Monday March 13th, 2023**

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending this evening's meeting. We really appreciate how busy you all are and the amount of juggling around that is required to get out of the house, so I hope you enjoy a well earned beverage while you listen to what we've achieved as a PTA to support our school during the last year.

The objective of the PTA:

- To raise money to provide additional resources to the children and users of the school and support the teachers and governors in giving our children the best possible experiences here at Woods.
- To run events that give great experiences for the children, family, parents and friends of the school.

As teachers, parents, carers and TA's of the children at the school we are all automatically members of the PTA, and it's fantastic that you are here to support the children's journey through both the school and the work of the PTA.

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

Our current committee is as follows:

Meghan Hall - Co-Chair
Lisa Ford - Co-Chair
Michelle Hamilton - Treasurer
Jenny Swann - Co-Secretary
Rosy Starke - Co-Secretary

Last April our year started out with a brand new committee of new faces to the PTA, with myself being the only long standing member (I moved from being the vice chair to the chair at the last AGM). We worked brilliantly as a fresh new team and are very proud of our accomplishments over the past year.

In January we were lucky enough to have Lisa return to the team and we elected her co-chair in a committee meeting.

One member of the team wishes to stand down today and a re-election will follow shortly..

Before we get into the meeting formalities, I would like to take a few moments to extend a few thank you's...

- First, thank you to the committee who work incredibly hard despite full time jobs, children, locations and many other things which limit their time.
- Further to the committee I would like to thank Mr White and Mr Mac for their continued support, plus all the office staff who are all extremely helpful when I ask for any favours.
- I would also like to thank all the teachers for their support and especially to those who have given up their own personal time to come help out at events over the past year.
- Also a huge thank you to n-lightn-IT and Medusa Exotics for sponsoring our summer fair and Christmas raffle. Plus all the local businesses who generously donated prizes for both our Father's Day 'Golden Ticket' event and our Christmas raffle.
- Plus a thank you to both the WCA and the Woodborough Parish Council for inviting us onboard for a second year to help raise funds at their village events. This is a great way to strengthen the ties within our community plus show support for one another.
- And it goes without saying, but a thank you to all of the PTA helpers and parents who bake, man stalls, help set up, sponsor, donate, and give up their time - without you there would be no PTA.

A summary of our year - April 2022 thru to March 2023

This is a brief summary of the fundraising events we held in the year since forming our new committee -

April

- Easter Bake Sale - the first after school bake sale in a very long time so was well attended and raised over £200.
- Decorate an Egg competition - non fundraising event but PTA organised and prizes donated to each class.
- Non uniform day
- Easter Egg Hunt - each class came out to hunt for an egg with their name on it. Chocolate eggs all donated by the PTA.

May

- Glow Disco - our first school disco since 2019 (pre-pandemic) so very well attended (nearly all the whole school!) and plenty of support from parents and teachers. Raised over £1,000
- The Queen's Jubilee / Garden Party - a new one-off event for the PTA. We took pre-orders of take away cream teas, organised a 'bake-off' competition, sold cakes, drinks, toys and jubilee paraphernalia. Parents brought blankets to sit on the field and the school choir performed a few songs. A great afternoon supported by everyone.

June

- Father's Day 'Golden Ticket' chocolate bar sale - a new idea and went down very well. We had plenty of prizes donated from local businesses and sold each bar for £3. With the help of Michelle's design / printing skills they looked very professional and we raised over £300 for a pretty simple event.

- Sport's Day - refreshments and treat stall. Sold hot and cold drinks, sweets, donuts and ice lollies.

July

- Non Uniform Day
- Frozen Friday - sold the leftover ice lollies from Sport's Day. A pure profit event which made £56. Will definitely try to do a few more of these this year.
- Summer Fair - First proper fair outside of covid restrictions and organised by the PTA. Sponsored event which raised over 2k. Lots of inflatables (charged £3 for an unlimited wristband which worked very well. Also gave option to pre-pay and teachers could give them out in class beforehand), licenced bar, bbq, children's tombola, adult tombola, lucky dip, stocks, face painting & festival glitter, along with Mansfield Town penalty shoot out and Drones to Home, were some of the activities on offer on the day. Very well attended and lots of teacher support helping out with stalls.

September

- New starters bags given out to class R parents.
- Helped run the Macmillian coffee morning.

October

- Fancy Dress Disco. Very popular as usual. Lots of parent and teacher volunteers.

November

- Bonfire Night - Licenced bar and glow toy stall at the village event run by the WCA. First time with a bar, but as the previous year proved, the glow toys were very popular again. Difficult to judge how busy the bar would be but in the short time we did manage to make a decent profit. If asked to do this again next year we may need to explore the options of an event licence and lower the quantity of alcohol bought.
- World Cup Non Uniform Day - needed to make a push for online payments as the takings at the gate in the morning were very poor in comparison to previous years. We will advertise the bank details now for future non-uniform days.

December

- Village Christmas Light Switch On - Weather was slightly better than the previous year so takings were better. Due to the WCA / Parish Council giving away free mulled wine we trialed selling mulled cider as an alternative which sold out. If we attend the event this year we will need to up the quantity bought.
- Christmas Movie Night - very well attended and lots of fun. We gave out popcorn, sweets, juice and biscuits included in the ticket cost. Had two movies on offer - Home Alone and the Grinch.
- Christmas Shows - 4 days / 2 shows per day. Quite a lot of work for myself and Lisa but lovely to get to watch all the performances and a really good way to get the PTA name out there and chat with lots of parents.
- My Child's Art Christmas Designs - always a good earner for very little effort.
- Christmas Raffle - this year we lowered the cost to £3 per ticket (was £5 in previous years) as we thought we wouldn't be able to get as many prizes on the list. Managed to get over 70 though! Profit was similar to the year before (just over 2k) so I think the lower ticket price worked.

February

- Bags2School - new venture for us which proved very successful. Very little effort for a cheque for £225. Have already booked a second collection date in September.

March

- World Book Day Reading Cafe - second year holding this event and just as popular. Held over 3 days
- Best World Book Day costumes - prizes given to each class

(Upcoming)

- Mother's Day Cream Tea & Crafting afternoon (this Friday March 17th) - approx 85 pre-orders so going to be another successful event.
- Silly Hair Day non-uniform day (Friday March 24th)
- Decorate an Egg competition - prizes awarded to most creative (last week of March)
- PTA Easter Egg Hunt - chocolate eggs for every child, donated by the PTA

Ongoing Fundraising

- Your School Lottery (approx £900 raised in 2022)

So all in all, it's been a very busy but very successful year with the PTA. I have very much enjoyed my role over the past year and continue to enjoy being part of something that has such a big impact on our children's time at Woodborough Woods. Let's continue on with more of the same this year and help make the school a fun place to be!

Sincerely,

Meghan Hall
Chair / Co-Chair