



Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Midsomer Norton Primary School PTA AGM

Combined Chair and Treasurer report 2018/19

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to this evening's AGM

The objective of the PTA is to enrich our children's school experience. We do this by fundraising through organising fun event and activities in and after school for the children and grown up's, as well as creating a social network of members. As Teachers, Parents and Carers of children at the school we are all members of the PTA, and it is fantastic you are here to support your children's journey through Midsomer Norton Primary School through the work of the PTA.

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

Before we launch into these formalities, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the serving PTA committee:

Chair – Jodie Plummer
Vice Chair – Alun Randell
Treasurer – Emma Awcock
Secretary – Jo Guy
Social Media Co-ordinator – Sam Selway
Teacher Liason – Carolyn Meade

Through the hard work, dedication and commitment of both the PSG (at the beginning of last year) and the successor PTA, we have continued to accomplish our goals and improve upon already fantastic achievements – this team really do “make it happen”.

And it goes without saying, a big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, carers, neighbours, friends, teachers and TA's who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year.

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And now to the formalities of the evening. After this report, we will be voting on our new committee for 2019/2020. We look back with an overall sense of accomplishment and pride for what this committee has achieved and are delighted to announce that the current committee are happy to stand for re election this year. We are also happy to hear from any new members wishing to stand for election.

The 2018/2019 year was our most successful yet, with our total income for the year standing at £11,079.23. Expenditure stands at £12,163.25, including purchases of the following items costing £6300:

- 10 new iPads at £2700
- Redevelopment in KS1 at a total of £2500
- New PA System at £350
- Year 6 leavers at £700
- Outdoor first Aid Kit at £150

We have also made smaller purchases to help enrich children's experiences with outdoor mud kitchens, indoor play kitchens, playground chalk and books for the library.

The cost of fundraising was our biggest outgoing, covering events including:

- Monster Ball
- Christmas Cards
- Spring Ball
- Mother's Day Cards
- Fathers Day Cards
- Quiz Night
- Film Night
- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fayre
- Sports Day
- Uniform Shop
- Bouncy Castle Events
- Lolly sales
- Cake sales

These events take money to set up and run to allow the fundraising to take place, whilst also adding to the extra curricular activities for the children and their families to enjoy.

The PTA has also managed to secure funding from in the form of a £1000 grant from Pennies The Digital Charity Box and a £250 sponsorship from CFHdocmail Ltd for our new sports kit.

The PTA bank account currently has £5,441.58 in it. There are a couple of requests pending totalling approx. £1,600, which will be voted on after the AGM: funding towards iPad apps and new easels for each class. Our aim is to always have £1000 in the bank account as working capital meaning we have approximately £2,800 to donate to the school. The school is in the process of identifying the areas of greatest need at the moment.

One of our biggest accomplishments this year was resourcing and getting up and running the PTA School Uniform Shop to provide not only our pupils, but staff as well, a more affordable uniform and a choice from the one other supplier that currently stocks our uniform. It will also



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provide the PTA with an ongoing income from the small mark up from cost price, while still passing on a saving to the parents compared to our current supplier costs. We currently stock Jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and pe shirts all bearing the school logo. It has been hugely popular and also has allowed our school to help those families who need a little extra help, by offering families entitled to pupil premium a selection of free uniform every year. This process is still being ironed out, but put simply, pupil premium from free school meals will allow the school to pay the PTA for the uniform that is given to the family. We are proud to say it's not all about fundraising and we are glad to help and support families in our school.

Another change this year was the transformation from the Parent Support Group (PSG) to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This move included putting policies in place to ensure the smooth running of the PTA and further help support our school and maximise fundraising. May we take this opportunity to thank all the parents and volunteers who helped with the previous PSG.

After reflecting on what has been a wonderful year, we also have to make note of the things that didn't go so well. Film night, whilst hugely popular with the children will no longer be one of our fundraising events. There are simply too many children in the hall at once and it's hard for little ones from all our age groups to manage to sit throughout an entire film. There are also a lot of toilet breaks to manage and a logistical nightmare when trying to dismiss the children at the end! Whilst being a very popular event, sadly it's just too complex and stressful to say the least. We welcome any alternative suggestions to replace film night on our fundraising calendar.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved in supporting our school. We couldn't do it without you, from running stalls to baking cakes, we are truly grateful.

Let's wish the committee for 2019/2020 all the best and let's make this another record breaking year!

Jodie Plummer
Chair

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