



AGM REPORT

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SUMMARY 22/23

The past 15 months has seen the PTA establish, learn and develop into a successful community of committed parents dedicating their time and efforts to achieve the PTA mission:

“Raising funds to enhance the school environment for all children at Dukes, and enhancing the school community through accessible and fun activities open to all.”

As a team we have evolved by trial and error, and created a cohesive working partnership with the school. I have seen individuals of the PTA gain confidence in their own and collective abilities and create a team that now works well together to achieve great memories for the children at Dukes.

Activities have been varied and inclusive to all, positively adding to the Dukes experience for children. We have received great feedback from Teaching staff and parents which demonstrates the value that the PTA committee have added. We are close to our target of getting an outdoor classroom for the school, and have contributed to a variety of school enhancements over 2022/23.

EVENTS

The PTA were ambitious in their event planning and this saw fruition with a variety of successful events over the last 15 months, including:

- Two Christmas fairs
- Toasty Fridays
- Uniform swap - learning from this inhouse event has evolved to donations to Hummingbirds
- 2023 Challenge
- Easter Treasure Hunt
- Mothers Day sale
- SATs breakfast
- Non Uniform days
- Disco tuck shop
- Dukesfest '23
- Ice cream Fridays
- Sports day refreshments
- Non uniform days

These events can not be facilitated by the PTA committee alone, and this year we have received great support from Teaching staff, 11 Class Reps sharing information with parents, and a newly established group of volunteers via PTA Lite who support at events throughout the year. We are very appreciative of all volunteers and hope for continued support into 2024.



RASING & SPENDING FUNDS

Together with parents across the school the committee have raised a fantastic £20,214 since its establishment in November 2022. Successful events and generous private donations have ensured we could fund:

- Year six study guides
- Year six SATs breakfasts
- Year six Leavers books
- Craft packs
- Thesaurus'
- Reading fairy gifts
- Chester zoo buses
- Library books
- EYFS trip
- Teacher term funds
- Playtime equipment
- Playground benches

Not only this we also have make significant savings towards the outdoor classroom (aim £15,000) which will hopefully be in place soon.

SPECIAL THANKS

Finally I would like to give a special thanks to all of the PTA both past and present for their outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the school environment over the past 15 months. Specifically, Katy Taylor who Chaired the committee and established the team following a period of no PTA within the school, and remains a valued part of the committee.

I would also like to thank previous committee members, Kim Hawcroft, Cath Neal, Barbara Corke, and Leah Taggart , who dedicated their time to ensuring the PTA was successful in achieving great events and raising funds.

Appreciation and thanks goes to all school staff and governors who have given their time to support events over the past 15 months, we could not have put on such ambitious events without their continued support.

Finally, huge thanks and appreciation to the current PTA members, Laura Lingham, Sarah Broadbent, Louise Lynch, Katerina Betsou, Emma Kidman, Katy Taylor, Clare Proud and Rachel Vasey who work exceptionally hard to ensure the PTA goals are achieved. All committee members have shown dedication, giving lots of their time, putting in huge amounts of hard work and ensuring fantastic creativity in all events to ensure success in achieving great events and memories for the children at Dukes.