

Echelford Primary School PTFA

Annual General Meeting

September 22/July 23

Chair's Report 2022/2023

The PTFA's purpose is to raise money for the school to buy things that benefit our children and enhance the children's school experience. The school may not be able to afford these things within their budget. This is mostly done by running fun events for the children and their families.

At the last AGM the PTFA committee roles we filled by

Danny Blackwell (Chair)

Maria Houghton (Secretary)

Lauran McBride (Treasurer)

I am very grateful to all the community members and volunteers for all their help over the past year.

I would like to thank Keri Vasta for all her amazing social media posts and networking this has been so valuable to use.

In September we invited the new reception parents/carers and children to a Teddy Bears picnic on the school field. This is a free event we have run for several years; this year was particularly good as we had all the support from reception staff who took the children off to play games so the adults could chat and get to know each other.

We held the first clothing collection in September, this collection along with other collections done through the year are simple and effective fund raisers for the school.

During October around Halloween time, we host the annual spooky disco, after the complications of the year before we thought it best to keep it simple where the younger years wear their school clothes but can bring in a Halloween accessory. All the children left with a spooky popcorn hand treat. We found it was a bit much for the little children so we may do something different for them next year.

The Christmas celebrations started early this year with reception having their Nativity, We sold refreshments (tea coffee hot chocolate cold drinks and some snacks) this gave a really nice feel to the occasion.

The PE department came up with the idea of a Santa fun run this was a free event, however the PTFA sold Christmas head boppers, novelty glasses, hot chocolate, flavored coffee and tea. There was a DJ who played Christmas music and collection buckets around the course all the money went to the PTFA. At the same time, we had lots of beanie baby teddies donated to use so the children had

the chance to buy a bear for £1 and name it the bear was then sent to the salvation army to be given to a child in need at Christmas.

The Christmas fair was a great success, we held it outside again and decided to invest in some outside stall holders this year and they gave us very positive feedback. Story time with Mrs Clause went down well in the library and the wooden gazebo was turned into Elfreges (NO ADULTS ALOUD) Frost the estate agents kindly donated the top raffle prize a Nintendo switch, they also ran the refreshments stall in the community room.

In February we done a sponsored pancake flip, the children would get friends and family to sponsor them on how many flips they could do in class there was a prize of extra green time.

We tried something a bit different for sports day this year we decided to sell bacon rolls, tea and coffee in the morning and cookies and drinks in the afternoon this took a little bit of planning to get everything cooked intime, but we sold out and everyone commented how lovely it was.

Throughout the rest of the year, we helped the school run the year group Cake sales, all the money raised goes straight to that year group to buy or put toward things just for them. It would be nice if the PTFA could be informed by the school what the money was used for as we can then pass that information on to the families.

We continued with our Frozen Friday ice lolly sale, this always brings big queue and we sell out fast.

Coming towards the end of the summer we hosted our school summer fair; We had the support from all members of staff this year witch was amazing I hope this will continue to be the case as it meant we could have around 20+ school stalls two members of staff on each and parent helpers this took the pressure of us trying to find cover or closing stalls early, it was lovely for the children to show their family's there new teachers. We hired a big inflatable assort course it was a great success and had a queue until we closed. The fire brigade turned up as well I think this was enjoyed by the mums just as much as the children . Frost also donated all the refreshment's witch we are very grateful for.

We put on a free colour run for year 6 as part of their leavers' celebrations, this was our way to say thank you to all the children and families for their support throughout their time at Echelford. The colour run is a fun afternoon and everyone gets involved.

We were raising money for a new shelter in the Ks2 playground to provide some outside learning space I'm pleased to say that this has now been accomplished. We have also paid for reception to have a large sandpit for built in their playground.

The PTFA are in full swing for 2023/24, there are events already planned and lots in the pipe line with your continued support I think this year will hold some amazing memories for your children.

I would like to thank Karen Oakley, Jess Bugembe and Zoe Cottle who I'm sure will continue to support all events and be a vital role in the organisation and smooth running of things.

