

WSA Chair Report 2023

Welcome to the 2023 WSA AGM, thank you for your attendance as we can't run as a school charity without it. The WSA is a parent teacher committee with the aim of raising additional funds for the school to enhance every child's education. We hope to do this with a variety of activities including community event fundraising and charity sales that help build on the great community our school has.

Being voted in as a new chair last year I was slightly apprehensive what the year would bring with a lot of new committee members picking up new roles but I'm really proud that we managed to raise ~£14,000 for the school and hold some really fun event that brought the community together. This year we would like to build on our experience running in person events gained last year and with several new committee members joining in September try to introduce some new events to the calendar as well as keep the old favourites.

All of these events would not be possible without the tireless work of our committee members and many parents that repeatedly give up some time to help run stalls at our events. We have been very fortunate to welcome 5 new committee members this year with Sarah, Sarah, Sophie, Victoria and Claire but there is always room for more (well depending on how big a table we book at the pub). My big ask this year is for some new volunteers to step forward when we put out a call for volunteers, we will always try to pair up new volunteers with experienced members and place you on stalls if you raise a preference. While we're on the subject could anyone help man a bouncy castle for 20mins after this meeting as I'd really like our committee members to have some time with their families as well.

I'm sad to say this year we will be losing our longest serving committee member who has carried out the role of deputy treasurer for more years than we can remember, ensuring there are floats in place and counting £100,000+ of event takings along the way. I want to thank her for all the support she has given over the years, especially during my 4 years as treasurer and some committee members past and present would like to present a gift which we hope will remind Susan of the huge part she has played.

If you don't fancy volunteering there are lots of other more passive ways you can help raise funds for the school. If you have a co-op members card and haven't selected a local cause yet this year, please log on and choose us quickly as we can receive funds from your spending for the last year that is sitting in a pot waiting to be claimed. You can also sign up for the easyfundraising website, if you click through from this website to hundreds of retailers they will donate a percentage of the sale to our school. Finally we have a school lottery that runs every week through the my school lottery website, you can set up a monthly donation that buys tickets from £1 a week and there's a weekly prize of ~£15 currently but this will go up for every extra ticket purchased. We will add links to all these options to the AGM meeting minutes.

So what will we be doing this year you may ask? Although we're enjoying the last of the summer sun today, our thought unfortunately have to jump to xmas and the largest event of the term will be our xmas fayre on Friday 1st December after school again so that we can include the teachers. Also on a xmas theme the kids might have already created their xmas card designs for this year that will get sent home to parents with the option to buy cards, mugs, tea towels etc with your child's design. For those new to the school you might not be aware we have the most amazing art teacher Sara Varty who has created some brilliant designs that are definitely a step above the usual xmas cards you might have received. The next event on the calendar will be our Friday 13th spooky doughnut sale which sees a return of the halloween costume sale so please bring in any donations of costumes you might have from next week onwards. We will also be making our second hand uniform sales more regular with the help of our new committee member Sarah which will run after school on the first Tuesday of the month and we will try to include at events for those that don't do school pick-ups.

Voting:

Chair – Lorna

Vice chair – position outstanding

Treasurer – Ian Morgan

Deputy Treasurer – Claire Mason

Secretary – Tamar Oviatt-Ham

Committee members:

David Morel

Becky Binney

Beth Houghton

Amy Shaw

Emma Byrom

Helen Hughes

Sarah Morgan

Fleur Tarpey

Tom Mason

Catherine Wainwright

Clare Gregory

Sarah Few

Sarah Quinn

Lara Feather

Victoria Thompson

Sophie Talbot