

PTFA Report 2023-2024

Welcome to our AGM and social evening for the school's PTFA. It's lovely to see so many of you and a huge thankyou you for coming to support us this evening, as without the AGM we would not be able to run as a PTFA.

We have had a busy and challenging year as the PTFA with lots happening throughout each term. As last year, we have tried to organise a range of events and activities throughout the year, that the children enjoy and hopefully remember. An overview of what we have achieved this past year is underneath this report - please do have a look.

We have continued to run with a team approach, rather than the traditional model of designated chair, treasurer, secretary with everyone on the team taking responsibility for the smooth running of the PTFA. This generally works well for us and we have extended this to the planning of events so that the same person or people are not always responsible for planning every event. This will continue into this year as more of the team are working, some of us full time, and it helps to share the running of the PTFA.

We have continued to work with the local community to help build links and to hopefully raise the profile of the school such as holding our Christmas fair in the village hall, asking community groups to come along and support us, manning the gate at the Marnhull Fest and using local businesses and shops in the village to support our events. We will continue to do this as the community café are interested in us getting involved with a coffee morning and a relationship is building with Dikes of Stalbridge. Added to this, we have also managed to secure 2 community donations from The Men's Shed and CG Fry and Son towards our shed.

One of our challenges has been the role of treasurer. We have had a treasurer up until now, but she feels it is time to stand down. It is the only named role in our team and we are struggling to find a treasurer from the current team or from anyone else. So, we are voting a temporary treasurer in tonight in the hope that we will find a parent/grandparent/family member etc who would be willing to take this on in the team.

Another challenge we have faced this year, and will continue to do so is volunteers. We are building up a brilliant group of volunteers, who are not on the team, and we hope that this will continue. However, bigger events such as a Christmas fair, required a huge amount of man power and after our Christmas events we decided to change the way we plan to ensure we have the volunteers needed to hold an event. If we don't, then unfortunately, the event wont happen not only for health and safety reasons but for health and well-being reasons as well.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us over the year. From volunteering their time to helping set up and clear up, to donating uniform, to helping man the gates at Marnhull fest. We are also incredibly grateful to all the staff at school as they help, support us and get involved in our events and activities. We really wouldn't be anywhere without your help and support.

As a PTFA team, we began the year with 11 of us and due to work commitments etc, we are now 8. However, for the size of our school, this is amazing and we hope it will continue.

We already have activities and events being planned for this term, as well as ideas in the pipeline for after Christmas.

- ❖ Non school uniform day to create Rainbow hampers as prizes
- ❖ Pre loved uniform sale
- ❖ Bag2School collection for second hand clothes
- ❖ Another school disco as they are always popular
- ❖ Christmas bingo
- ❖ A Christmas raffle, asking for prizes from the local and wider community
- ❖ We also have the Scholastic Book fair booked for March 2025.

If you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions of spending, please let us know so that we can have a look at it.

