**Chairpersons Report 2018-2019**

Introduction:

A belated AGM was held in November 2018 and the election of officers. Unfortunately the turnout to the AGM was poor and so it was agreed that I would continue in the role as chair with Naomi Femor-Oldfield as secretary and Wendy Robinson both continuing as secretary and treasurer respectively.

It was acknowledged that the group had continued to dwindle over the past few years with parents who had been staunch supporters and helpers moving on as their children had moved up to secondary education.

Christmas and Summer Fayres:

Both the Christmas and summer fayres were held on Friday evenings. The events were shortened by 30 minutes each but still encapsulated the spirit of the event and were successful in raising funds.

As well as the normal stalls, games and refreshments the Christmas fayre was supported by the school choir and some of the GCSE students from St Peter’s High School. For the summer fayre the weather was kind and the choir made a welcome return and we also had martial arts displays. A new addition this year was a large inflatable obstacle course!

Many thanks to all the helpers who organised, setup and provided stalls and games. Again both fayres proves to be an enormous success. The summer fayre made £1931.05

Disco:

An autumn disco was held in November and provided another great way of fund-raising but also giving an opportunity for the children to socialise and dance together. Turnout was good and splitting the key stage 1 and 2 events allows for the children to have tailored events for their specific ages.

Ice Cream Fridays:

A new innovation for the PTA this year was ice-cream Fridays. PTA volunteers setup an ice-cream stall after school each Friday in June and sold a selection of ice-creams. The event proved a great success and money-making venture for the PTA.

PTA Support:

The PTA continue to support the school throughout the year with both financial support or pairs of hands being provided to theatre alibi, the Christmas nativities, the Kilve trip, leavers Mass and Young Enterprise.

PTA Donations:

Donations from PTA funds have continued to be made in the last year and sizeable contributions include £5100 for a new large storage shed for the playground, the new chicken coop and provisions for early years and reception.

Staff and PTA Volunteers:

It is very important to spell out that none of this year’s events and fundraising would have been possible without the support and help from the St Nicholas teaching staff and the dedication of the PTA committee and volunteers. The tireless help and support that is given is very much appreciated by me, the staff and the parents. Many thanks!

Summary:

2018-2019 has been another successful year and we have been able to fund some worthwhile purchases. The PTA accounts have been left with a healthy balance and we are able to fund further purchases that may be required going forward.

I am stepping down as chair this year and it is good to have new parents joining the PTA and joining the committee. This year I will be taking more of a backseat but will continue to volunteer and support the events. I wish the PTA another successful year.

Alex Bosley – PTA Chair, October 2019