

Walmsley School PTA

2022/23 Chair's Annual Report

28th November 2023



Introduction

We as the PTA have a charitable objective to help improve school life for our children. We work in partnership with school and parents to try and achieve this objective. We aim to do this in a manner that is not disruptive to the running of school and is not overly burdening for our volunteers and the school community.

2022/23 Year in Summary

This year we have seen a huge increase in volunteers within the PTA, this has helped with planning and executing fundraising events. It has been great to have lots of people attending meetings as this has brought a wealth of knowledge and ideas.

We have been working closely with Mrs Atherton to understand what she and the staff team at Walmsley need in terms of support and fundraising from the PTA. During this time we have developed a wonderful relationship working in partnership to make improvements to the school whilst the children have fun at events.

2022/23 Organisation

We welcomed Michelle Smith to the committee this year as Co Secretary. Michelle has been a wonderful addition to the committee bringing lots of great ideas and support during fundraising events. Lily Grafton stepped up to Chair after gaining experience within her previous role as Vice chair and Mukhtar Valli took on the role of Vice chair giving him the opportunity to focus on his role as school parent governor.

2022/23 Objectives

Our objectives have been to build a relationship with school and to gain more PTA volunteers. We have done both successfully and this has given us a brilliant set up for fundraising going forward.

Fundraising 2022/23

October – School disco

December – Christmas fair

February – School disco

March – Easter bingo

July – School disco

Business Sponsors – Fireside Studio, Schools Out Kids Club Ltd, Bolton Denture Centre, Cardwells Estate Agents.

Easy fundraising

Saving Threads – Pre-loved clothes collections

2022/23 Outcome

We had a quieter year of fundraising whilst building a relationship with Mrs Atherton. The committee and wider PTA group has worked hard on entering competitions and searched for new ways to fundraise such as grants and business sponsors.

2023/24 Outlook

We kick started our year of fundraising with an Autumn disco raising a wonderful £758.76. We also have lots of plans and events set out already for 23/24.

2023/24 Objectives

The objective for 23/24 is to have key events set out so that fundraising can flow throughout the year. We aim to communicate these plans in advance to parents, so they have time to plan for events. We want to make fundraising easy and not a financial burden for families. We have plans to fundraise towards all outdoor areas in school as they are needing the most attention.

2023/24 Organisation

We have a strong Committee comprising of enthusiastic members who continue to grow in experience in charitable/voluntary work and working within the rules of our constitution. The core group is supported by a very strong cohort of volunteers, many of whom are now considered regular and reliable helpers. It is wonderful to see such an increase in the level of dedication and support. The group in general have enjoyed working together and many good relationships have formed as a result.

The Committee started the new academic year comprising of the following individuals:

Chair – Lily Grafton

Vice Chair – Mukhtar Valli

Treasurer – Sarah Talbot

Secretary – Kate Wicklen and Michelle Smith

2023/24 Fundraising Plan

The PTA have been working closely with school to create a fundraising plan for the next school year.

The following ideas have been identified and agreed in principle:

- Autumn Disco
- Christmas Fair
- Valentine's Disco
- Easter Bingo
- Summer Disco
- Summer Fair
- Saving Threads
- Business Sponsorships
- Prize money competitions and grant applications

- Easy fundraising

Final Word

I would like to thank the committee, the wider PTA group, Mrs Atherton, the teachers at Walmsley School and event volunteers for their hard work and support over the last 12 months. There have been lots of changes and change is never easy, but we have managed to grow from strength to strength with the same goal in mind. It is all about the children. We love planning events for our Walmsley children and their families. It is wonderful to see them enjoying time with family and friends whilst raising money that will help to improve their school life.