

Jennett's Park Primary School Parent Teachers Association – Annual General Meeting
(PTA AGM) 17 September 2024

Meeting Location: ICT room at Jennett's Park Primary School

1. Welcome

Carla Szadowski (CSz), teacher liaison thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed new faces. The meeting agenda was introduced and attendees noted by Rachael Riley (RR), including what years they have children in the school.

2. Attendees and apologies for absence

Attendees

Carla Szadowski (CSz) – Deputy Head
Caroline Rashbrook (CR) – Yr4
Cecilia Taplin (CT) – Y1
Amy Bailey (AB) – Y2
Yhana Godden (YG) – YR & Y4
Marie Manthorpe (MM) – Y4 & Y2
Marianne Williams (MW) – Y1 & Y3
Rachael Riley (RR) – Y3 & YR

Apologies

Andrew Webb (AW)
Tessa Parker
Sonia Thind

3. Minutes from 2023 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Previous meeting minutes were presented/proposed by RR and approved by CSz.

4. Chair Report for 2023/24

It does seem slightly weird to write a report that I then cannot deliver, but those are the rules with the PTA constitution.

I shall start the report in a similar vein to those of recent years and state that this last academic year was quite difficult, for various reasons. The abundance of willing new volunteers in late school year 2023 waned significantly and our, already smaller than ideal, committee became the only consistent faces at meetings and events.

It would seem that our continued pleas for assistance fell, mainly, on deaf ears and JP PTA really does run the risk of folding, if a new, enthusiastic team cannot be formed.

Thankfully, the well supported events of a Winter term were held and formed the majority of our fundraising for the whole academic year. Due to lack of volunteers and support we were unable to hold a Summer Fayre but I am pleased School were able to hold a picnic and bring the school community together towards the end of the Summer Term.

Looking forward, I do hope that the new Chair and committee can rally the support that is much needed. Many hands make light work and all that and I feel that new faces, across the school family, mean that really could be the case.

I would like to thank all volunteers, staff, parents and carers and anyone else that has been part of the last year's endeavours and to wish you all every success in the future. I look forward to visiting events as a local resident!

Please do watch this space for updates from the new team, with lots of chances for you all to get involved.

Thank you all again

Jenny

PTA Chair, resigned.

5. Treasurer report

2023/24 was challenging in more ways than one, as treasurer! Bank closures and a limited number of volunteers meant the actual banking of money was problematic. A reduced number of events, and more payments made by bank transfer, was almost a good thing, this year! A new paying in book that can be used at Post Offices will certainly make things easier going forwards.

As alluded to in the Chair Report, the number of events that we have been able to undertake has been limited due to a lack of volunteer support, but we were able to raise £6158 which was 61% of target. Our Summer Fayre was absent which would have made a large contribution towards our target, but I am hopeful that the new academic year will bring new faces, a new team and new enthusiasm and SD can return in the summer 2025 and lots of other events will raise lots of funds to "fund the fun".

Armchair fundraising was, again, an excellent income source, however no Amazon meant this was down on previous years. Easy fundraising, Stikins and Bracknell Forest Lottery still remain so please do spread the word for how easy it is to donate without doing anything, other than normal online activities through EasyFundraising and also to remind all families and friends of the Bracknell Forest Lottery, it will all help.

Thank you again to Sears for their support this year. The boards for Scarecros Trail and our Christmas Fayre provided a presence for them, around the area and an extra source

of income for them. As usual, Daniel, and the JP team did an amazing job selling scarecrow maps and handing out the Haribo.

Thank you all again for your support. Please keep an eye out for the next fundraising event and support us however you can.

Jenny Price

Treasurer – resigned.

6. School review

On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team, I would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt appreciation to those dedicated few who have worked tirelessly to keep the PTA thriving, despite the challenges we have faced last year. Your unwavering commitment and effort have been instrumental in ensuring the ongoing success of our initiatives, even with limited volunteer support. This year has indeed been tricky, characterised by dwindling numbers of volunteers and tighter budgets for both families and the school. Yet, we are immensely grateful for every cake sale, second-hand uniform sale, and the extra funding you have provided. Each endeavour has contributed to the valuable resources we are able to offer our children. I would like to express a special thanks to Jenny Price, who began the year as Chair and concluded her role at the start of the summer term to focus on her family. Jenny has been a determined and inspiring PTA member for many years, and I can confidently say that she has raised tens of thousands of pounds for our school throughout her tenure. She has embraced new ideas, established cherished PTA traditions, and exemplified the Rainbow values that are so important to our community. As we move forward, we recognise that now is a time for new PTA members and innovative ideas, alongside a change of leadership. This is an exciting opportunity to assess what will resonate in our post-COVID world and to motivate more families to join us in our fundraising efforts. We are fortunate to have a wealth of talent within our remaining members and are eager to welcome fresh perspectives from those who are just beginning their PTA journey with us. We invite everyone in our school community to join the PTA this year. Your participation, no matter how big or small, can make a significant difference as we strive to enhance the experiences of our children. Once again, we extend our gratitude to those dedicated members who have continuously poured in their time, creativity, and spirited support to keep our fundraising initiatives alive. Schools need this support now more than ever, and we are truly thankful to have such a devoted and vibrant group of parents behind us. Thank you for all that you do, and have done, for our school and our children..

CSz disbanded the previous elected committee and raised for nominations for Chair for year 2024/25.

7. Nominations and elections of 2024-25 elected committee

Chair – MW volunteered, RR and MM seconded

Vice – MM volunteered, CSz seconded

Secretary – CR volunteered, RR seconded

Treasurer – RR volunteered, MW seconded

Discussed and agreed that no secondary roles would be set.

8. Events discussed

CSz suggested that we gather as many ideas as possible and then MW and MM would review and create a timeline for those to implement. Suggested to open fundraising up outside of meetings as well, to not restrict events. Ideas raised:

- Coffee morning for Reception group / “Welcome parents”
- PTA welcome evening drinks
- Colour run
- Quiz night
- Fused glass workshop
- Wreath making
- Summer fayre
- Xmas fayre
- Making fayres on the weekend if possible with an initial “SEND” hour at the start.
- Xmas cards & tea towels
- Cake sales
- Circus
- Teddy bears
- Scarecrow trail – whether it goes ahead, or if there is an Easter trail instead.
Sisilia to take point and aim to get 20 scarecrow makers by 30th September to gauge if there will be enough builders and proceed/halt from there.
- Bingo
- Hoodies
- Clothes Bin – MM raised to have a clothes bin to replace current “Bags2School” that are very manual heavy. Agreed it sounded like a good idea.
- Swimathon
- Suggestion box.

9. Next meeting

Next meeting to be on Friday lunchtime (12pm) 27th September at Jays Coffeeshop.