



## North Newton Primary School PTFA AGM Minutes

Date: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Time: 6.30pm

Place: North Newton Primary School

In attendance –Verity Lowdon (Acting Chair), Laura Jenkins (Acting Secretary), Sarah Bult (Treasurer), Abby Taylor, Claire Woodland, Claire Larcombe, Debbie Leach, Sam Cropper, Kiri Simmonds, Tatjana Chramenok, Hannah Pitman, *Kate Sheppard*

Apologies – Verity Teal, Maxine Hughes, Amy Edwards, Tara Davey

*The Chair opened the meeting at 6.35pm*

Minutes of last AGM (25.11.21) discussed and approved.

**Matters Arising from the minutes** – none to discuss further

### **Chair's yearly report**

It's been an academic year of two halves, with the second half allowing us more freedom from covid restrictions. Thankfully we have been able to make some fantastic headway with fundraising once again. It has been uplifting and enriching to see the children enjoy the events and activities.

It is easy to forget what we have been up to as we whirlwind our way through the terms! A brief list of projects funded and monies raised are:

- As has become an annual tradition, we funded a school trip for every class.
- Team seas project raised over £100 to help rid the oceans of plastic
- May Fayre was our first opportunity to jump back into a big public fundraiser and I am very pleased to say that it was a resounding success. It was fantastic to see the playground full of children, parents, friends and villagers.
- We provided £800 funding towards activities week
- The end of term leavers loved their hoodies and wore them proudly. We wish them every success in their secondary schools who are very lucky to have them!
- Freeze pop Friday returned and has proven very popular, this has now been phased to a tuck shop with the weather turning colder.
- The village flower show had a lot of extra entries due to the after school club, the children produced some very impressive art work. Held in the Church Rooms,

children made their art works and were entered into the show in August. There were lots of prize winners on the day. We hope to repeat this again next year.

- To mark the end of term we held a summer disco in the village hall. The kids (as predicted) ran around like lunatics living their best lives! Glitter tattoos and transfers were a popular addition and a good fundraiser.
- Book bags were gifted to all reception children.
- Mr Selby, additional music lessons for other year groups
- Sports - SGO (school games organiser) has ended Sedgemoor School Games replacement 12 event schedule organised by Champion Sports and membership to BPSSA for swimming gala and gymnastics. We bought this package and children have started competing and taking part.
- After school art club
- We have secured a £2000 grant from the Norman Family Charitable Trust towards upgrading outdoor areas in the school, thank you to our former committee member Kirsty Roath for her application.

We now look forward to a crazy few weeks in which we hope to raise lots more money. The Christmas fayre is looming with lots of games, fantastic raffle prizes, food and fun all under the watchful eye of the real Father Christmas!

Christmas cards designed by every child will be for sale. We will end the term with a magic show for KS1 and KS2 instead of individual presents. We hope that the staff will enjoy the shows too!

The new year is already looking busy and we have a list of events on the back burner!

Many thanks to all of the school staff for their continued support and patience.

As always, a huge 'thank you' to everyone on the PTFA team for their hard work, support, ideas and enthusiasm. I am always blown away by what we achieve together as a team.

**Treasurer's end of year report** – see attached

**Headteacher's report** – see attached

**Fundraising events this year:**

May Fayre	Flower show club	Art club	Smarties Challenge
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Summer end of term disco	Online Christmas raffle	Freeze pop Fridays and Tuck Shop	Christmas Trail
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### **Donations to the school:**

Leavers' hoodies	Book bags for new starters	New books for the library	Contributed to the new phonics scheme
Paid for Somerset sports coaching	Contributed to Activities week	Contributed to music tuition	Easter gifts for the children
Christmas gifts for the children	Paid for each class to have a school trip (Hedgehogs to take theirs this year)		

### **Brief Review of the Year 2021-2022**

Staff and provision	<p>With many changes during this past year and with Covid still playing a factor, we would like to thank all the staff for their continued efforts and hard work in supporting our children.</p> <p>We were delighted to welcome Mrs Leach as our new headteacher in September, and look forward to working closely with her in this coming year.</p>
Residential trip and Class trips	<p>The PTFA funded a trip for each class, Squirrels enjoyed a trip to Caerleon in Wales to learn more about the Romans. Foxes went to Lyme Regis to learn more about Mary Anning and enjoyed an ice cream on us too! Hedgehogs will take theirs this year.</p> <p>Badgers also enjoyed a 2 night residential trip to Kilve, thank you to the staff who accompanied the children.</p> <p>All the children were lucky enough to have a whole week of activities with visitors to the school and two trips out, thank you again to the staff for organising such a fun and enriching week for our children.</p>
Extra provision	<p>During the summer term, more clubs were offered including a Flower Show club, which helped create stronger links with the local church.</p>

	<p>Music – Mr Selby has been teaching music to all classes. Squirrels, the recorder, and now they are learning Samba, we also enjoyed a concert at the MacMillan Theatre where a number of schools performed a variety of songs. This was a lovely opportunity for the children.</p> <p>MFL in KS2.</p> <p>PE – all classes taught by PE specialists. We have joined the Sedgemoor School Games, which offers cross country, rugby, netball and gymnastics competitions and activities for KS2 pupils</p>
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### **Election of officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
Chair	Verity Lowdon	Kirie Simmonds	Sarah Bult
Secretary	Laura Jenkins	Verity Lowdon	Claire Larcombe
Treasurer	Sarah Bult	Verity Lowdon	Hannah Pitman

### **General committee members (without portfolio):**

*Kate Shephard*

### **A.O.B**

Decision not to have class reps agreed by all members.

Kirie Simmonds stepped down from the PTFA as of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We thank her for all her hard work, support and commitment to our team, she will be missed but will always be welcome at any of our events.

*The new Chair closed the meeting at 7pm*