

Report from the Chair of the MSPTA

AGM 14th May 2018

Alison and Tracey have continued as joint Chairs of MSPTA this year. Thanks to Sharon Burnham for continuing as Secretary and to Adam Brown in his role as Treasurer. Many thanks to Zoe Brown for running 50/50, to Adrian for designing publicity posters and to Lynn Preece for social media co-ordination. We would also like to thank anyone who has volunteered and helped with any function/refreshments this year. The MSPTA would also like to formally thank Nicole Lyons for her time, support and enthusiasm as link member of staff and wish her every success in her new role within school. Welcome to Angela Zannetou – the MSPTA looks forward to working with you.

Meetings continue to be held once a month (first Monday of the month at the Hearty Goodfellow Pub)

As always the provision of refreshments has formed a large part of our support to school this year and a large part of the income for the PTA. The commitment to running a bar for concerts and performances has continued and has increased the average amount taken at each event. Events supported this year included the Autumn concert, all performances of Into The Woods, Christmas Concert and Easter concert. In the coming year we need to increase the number of regular volunteers who help with refreshments.

The annual Winter Fair was held in November and was well attended. Music from students this year added to the evening. Planning and communications for the Fair started in July 2017 and this was better than waiting until Sept.

The Lantern Walk in December was supported in school with MSPTA providing sausage rolls, mince pies, and other refreshments. We learned we need more than 5 helpers on the night!

We have delivered fewer functions this year and if the PTA is to continue raising similar amounts of money as previous years this needs to increase for the coming year.

This year the aim was to fund improvements for the outdoor space at school. So far new bins and two large cabanas have been funded.

The PTA cupboard has been sorted and new shelving put in place to allow refreshment stock to be better organised and ordering of new stock easier to manage.

New policies and guidelines have been written this year to support MSPTA members – Code of Conduct, Finance Policy/Procedures and Safeguarding have all been discussed at meetings and agreed. Future actions need to include the data held by the MSPTA and adherence to the GDPR guidelines (effective 25th May 2018).

Active members continues to be a challenge for the group – we are still a very small group struggling to increase engagement from parents.