

WCS PTA Chair's report 2021-2022

- I was elected chair at the AGM held on 25th April 2022.
- The object of the PTA is to advance the education of the pupils at the school by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school not normally provided by the local education authority and as ancillary thereto and furtherance of this object the association may: -
 - foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; and
 - engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it.
- We currently have 3 committee members who are automatically trustees; myself as chair, Jane as Treasurer and Karen as Secretary. In order to fulfill our objectives we have been closely supported by Sharron, Natalie and Richard since being elected.
- We are a registered charity and as such all trustees have a legal responsibility to act in our charity's best interests, manage our resources responsibly and act with reasonable care and skill. Our constitution sets out the rules for how we run the charity and as seen in the agenda we hope that we can modernize it to reflect the new challenges PTAs are facing.
- We have had very few expenses this last year. We always hold votes to agree on spending and I personally feel one of our best investments were two card machines.
- I have met with Mrs. Johnson-Walker to discuss how we can help the students, staff and community and as a result we have provided support through a variety of means.
- For me, the highlight of the year was our first event, the Thorpe Park Trip, which was fantastically successful, selling out within days and raising over 1000 GBP. Thanks to Natalie for the idea! I also really enjoyed organizing serving refreshments at the summer performance. It was so great to get to know the other parents and see the students in their element. I couldn't have done it without Jane, who went on a last-minute stock run with me, much to our children's dismay.
- It hasn't just been about having fun and raising money though. I am so thankful to all those who have donated uniform. We all know how stretched our budgets are and being able to offer truly affordable uniform has benefited so many in our community, including refugees.
- We are a learning organization and so everything that we do we are learning from and oh boy we still have a lot to learn. I hope that those who have given feedback feel listened to and we are grateful to all those who have given such positive feedback as well. It really helps encourage us to keep working.
- Over the next year we would like to continue to grow; in terms of numbers of volunteers, hours of volunteer support we provide the school, as well as raising money to assist in providing facilities and activities for the pupils. We have some more events

planned but would also like to expand to help on a practical basis. I hope to build a database to include skills and times that our members can provide support to the school.

- The PTA is actively looking at increasing our committee members, so if you have any time or skills you think you could use to support the running of the PTA then please let us know. We are particularly interested in communications and social media support. Thanks to our membership with Parentkind we have lots of support we can provide to those who are part of our organizing committee.