

Kings Worthy PTFA AGM November 2023-Chair's report

Welcome to the Kings Worthy Primary School PTFA AGM. Thank you all for coming this evening. It's really nice to have so many new faces on the committee and new faces present this evening. As most of you know, we are a registered charity aiming to advance the education of the pupils in our school, mostly by providing facilities and equipment which support the school and by arranging events that engage pupils, families, teachers and friends of the school.

I have continued in the role as Chair since our last AGM. There has been some changes to the committee since last year. Jenna Mansbridge stepped down from her role as secretary. Jenna dedicated a great deal of time to our committee and her contributions were really valued so we're very grateful for her hard work. She will continue to be involved with the PTFA and our events and will liaise between the PTFA and the governors.

We have recently welcomed two new secretaries to the PTFA and appointed two new co-chairs to help share the Chairmanship work load. There are lots of new faces and the committee is bigger than it has been for many years. This is hugely beneficial to keep the running of the PTFA sustainable.

We will move on to do our elections shortly which will clarify who the current committee members are.

We very sadly say goodbye to Kirsty Mole this evening. Kirsty has been one of the treasurers for the PTFA for 5 years now. Kirsty has always gone above and beyond and done far more than being a treasurer. She has led many of our events and spends a huge amount of her time doing PTFA related work. When I started as Chair, Kirsty gave me a great deal of direction and support to help me adapt to the role. We will all miss Kirsty and we are so grateful for the time and energy she has put into the PTFA.

We have had another very successful year. The Christmas fayre, school discos and summer fayre were great fun to be part of and we received a lot of positive feedback and thanks from our school community. The pumpkin walk and the bluebell walk were very popular again as were our cake sales with endless queues. The money we raise from these events is hugely beneficial to our school but these events are also about getting parents and carers into school, being part of the community and being able to see how wonderful the environment and the grounds are for the pupils of our school.

It's been great to see our funds being well utilised. At the end of the last academic year PTFA funds went towards the new shaded area in the playground, the beautiful new tree stump sculpture in the woodland and to the makeover of the school library.

I want to finish by saying a genuine massive thank you to the committee. We all have jobs and busy lives and make time to keep the PTFA and the school events sustainable and beneficial for our school community. As financial pressures have been so much worse in these past few years by paying towards school trips to keep costs down for parents and being able to invest money back into school is invaluable.

A big thank you also to the school staff. Lizzie and her team are so supportive of our events and plans, we're so grateful. As always, where would we be without Mr Carr? He's always doing plenty of work for the PTFA which was never in his job description and always with a smile!

Thank you to anyone new who has come along this evening. We are always excited to invite new members to join our committee and we are always keen to hear new ideas. Any help is very welcome whether that it is by formally joining the committee or by being a regular volunteer.

Many thanks, Colleen Robinson-Wylie (Co-chair)

The new committee as of Nov 2023:

Shared Chairmanship: Colleen Robinson-Wylie, Claire Bentham, Ellen Brett

Co-Treasurers: Yolanda Jackson and Louise Bates

Co-secretaries: Jules Smallwood and Leah Firbank

Other formal committee members: Lou Daniel, Cat Smith and Rowena Jeanes