



Association of Parents & Friends of Crowlees J&I School
Wednesday, 29th September, 7.30pm

AGM
Agenda

- 1) **In attendance:** Kathy Woods (KW), Rachel Corcoran (RC), Sarah Breeze (SB), Liz King (LK), Lauren Roberts (LR), Samantha Mitchell (SM), Aisha Khan (AK), Louise Stead (LS), Sophie Leung (SL),
Via Zoom – Heather Street (HS), Charlotte Duffin (CD), Kat Ellam (KE)
Apologies: Zoe Baxter (ZB), Rebecca Balmforth (RB),

- 2) Welcome to New Members/Introductions
New members in attendance– Farrah Milnes (FM), Teresa Poole (TP), Mark Poole (MP),

- 3) President's Address

KW asked all present to introduce themselves to the new people in the room. KW went to say what an interesting past 18 months it has been due to the Covid situation. Somehow though despite the extra challenges the fabulous PFA still managed to raise lots of funds for school by thinking out of the box. This again affirms what a great team of volunteers the PFA team are, always caring about the school and helping where they can. Every penny made goes back into the school in particular this year some of the money has been spent developing the year 1 area to help aid transition from reception into Year 1. It is already having a positive impact on those children.

- 4) Chairpersons Report

HS went onto say:

Welcome and thank you for coming to this year's Crowlees PFA AGM. It is great to see so many familiar and new faces this evening.

The last 18 months have been challenging in terms of fundraising for all charities and ours is no different. In addition to our continual fundraisers like Bonus Ball and Give to Live, I am pleased to say that we were able to run 5 fundraisers throughout the last school year, which included:

- The Halloween Pumpkin and Costume Competition
- Christmas Activity Pack
- The Amazing Christmas Raffle
- The Crowlees Family Cookbook

And last but not definitely least,

- Penny Wars

Because of these fundraisers we were still able to raise a substantial amount despite the sporadic isolation periods of our students. I would like to say how amazed I always am at the many generous parents, staff, volunteers, sponsors and donors who donated resources, items, time and money which meant we were able to maximise the monies raised. For many of these fundraisers, we were unable to meet in person to plan and discuss. This meant smaller teams demonstrating initiative, excellent communication, organisation and of course DREAM TEAM WORK.

This year – as we hopefully continue to be able to meet in person - we hope to go back to business as usual and run our favourite regular events as well as a few new events to inspire our new families and PFA members. We have shown time and time again that this group is made of kind, super, generous and hard-working members, and I could not be prouder of our PFA family.

I would like to offer special thanks to our leaving officers:

Co-Vice Chairs, Rebecca Balmforth and Zoe Baxter, who have served as Vice Chairs for the last 2 years – they have been an ongoing source of support for myself, especially when I had to take a step back last Christmas and organised our Christmas fundraisers.

My sincere thanks also to Co-Secretary Sarah Breeze, serving for the last 3 years, not only for taking minutes meticulously at each meeting and taking the reins on social platforms to keep our PFA members fully informed, but for being involved 100% in every event we have run.

Thank you also to Sam Mitchell, who has served as PFA Treasurer for 6 years. Thank you for all your hard work, every float you have provided and every penny you have counted. It would be remiss of me not to also mention our silent Treasurer, Mr Mitchell, especially after he had to drive all the Penny Wars Money to the bank.

Although our leaving officers will no longer be serving as officers, I am assured they will still be lending a hand during the year, so they won't be getting away that easily!

Thank you all again, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve this year!

5) Treasurer's Report

SM shared the treasurers report from the last financial year with the group.

6) Election of Officers

- a. Chair – Teresa Poole to shadow Heather Street this coming year as Co chair.
- b. Secretary – Charlotte Duffin
- c. Treasurer – Mark Poole and Farrah Milnes

HS and SM to arrange meeting with new treasurers to arrange a handover of the accounts

7) Event Planning

- a. Halloween Raffle – tickets will be sold after school 18th to 22nd Oct. Halloween themed hamper donations welcome to make up the raffle prizes.

- b. Autumn Art Competition. – Children will be asked to bring their artwork into school between 2nd and 4th Nov with the prizes being an artist set. - further details to follow.
- c. Bedtime Story Evening (Book Fair) - Week commencing 1st Nov the book fair will be in school. Wednesday 3rd Nov the bedtime story evening will take place. Flyer will be sent home for parents to buy their tickets.
- d. Due to the number of Covid cases at present there won't be a Christmas fair this year. Christmas Activity Packs and a Christmas Raffle will happen instead again like last year. As always we look to businesses to try and support our raffle by donating prizes. KE agreed to donate an amazon voucher along with asking businesses for support.

8) Ongoing Non-event Fundraising

- a. Bonus Ball Promotion
- b. Give as you Live
- c. Crowlees Wish List

9) Any Other Business

Early planning is taking place for a Music festival in Summer term

MP and FM to look into amazon smile

Crowlees wish list – A parent has been in touch with KW with regards supporting school with donations from local businesses and would like the PFA to let him know what is needed.

Crowlees wish list to be resent to all teachers to update before being updated on the school website.

Crowlees cabin – KW shared that we need regular volunteers for the Crowlees Cabin. The Cabin has brought in as much as £2k to the school but Mrs Brannon is running it mostly on her own so any support, particularly at pickup time, would be appreciated. Agreed that more help would be sought through PFA communications.

It was confirmed that HS, SB, and CD would remain as trustees.

10) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 10th November at 7pm in the staff room