

Good evening.

Thank you for being here in person and online, and welcome to those joining us for the first time.

My oldest son joined LPS in 2012 and my youngest leaves next year, so with the end in sight I decided to officially join the PTA at the AGM last year after almost a decade of helping out. With what can only be described as an extraordinary stroke of luck, the then Chairperson stood down and after some persuasion, I put myself forward and found myself working alongside these lovely people, enriching our children's lives during their educational journey. My gratitude is extended to all PTA members, but especially to Rachel Hargrave our Secretary, Suzie Day our Treasurer, and Vice Chairs Jo Mazza and Sophie French; your guidance this year has been appreciated.

During the past twelve months we have organised various activities, the children have enjoyed discos, choosing and buying Christmas gifts, plant sales for Mothers and Others, donut sales for Dads and Lads, getting creative for Christmas Card projects and other PTA initiatives including the Late Summer Festival which was enjoyed by the wider community as well as families from school. The wider community stepped up for us in the Spring by providing an astonishing array of prizes for the Great Spring Raffle which is always such a success, and we will hear from Suzie shortly as to how much money has been raised and spent this year. After the AGM we'll discuss future events and everyone is welcome to participate with new ideas welcome.

I wish to mention various members of school staff, including Morag Thompson, Michelle Garrett, Charlotte Little and the caretaking team Matt and Mac; on behalf of the PTA I express our thanks for all they do and also to other staff members who took time to help us.

As a parent, I am indebted to PTA members past, present and future for their efforts and add that whilst I am happy to continue as Chair, if anyone else would like to stand I will step aside and continue to support the PTA as a member.

All of the current Committee have children in Year 6, two of whom have indicated they will stand down at the end of the academic year. The rest of will continue for another year so now is a great time to step forward and begin to take the reins. By joining the PTA you don't have to commit to anything, not even monthly meetings; but there could be one thing you can do for us that makes an amazing contribution. We have a core of brilliant volunteers who come to meetings on an irregular basis and offer their help here and there. These people are as important as the "official" PTA as their time and help means an event can go ahead and to them we are also grateful.

I think you've heard enough from me, so will now hand over to Suzie. Thank you.

Ruth Relfe, Chair 2022