

Secretaries Report for you year 2017 – 2018

I apologise for not being there in person to give you this report. However family commitment have kept me away. I have now completed my first year as the secretary of the PTA, It has been an interesting roll and I have to admit very challenging at times.

I also have to so it is also a role I have almost resigned from this year owing to the frustration caused by the lack of assistance received from the school on the communication front. This has been them getting back to the PTA on items that we have allocated funds for and were waiting on final answers before placing orders or we had sent lists of suppliers through and had not had replies back as to which was the preferred option. We have also had issues with trying to get funding schemes established set up such as BT mydonate and the amazon smile. We get part way through then nothing happens. When the school claims they want to look at every funding option they do no really give the impression that they actually are prepared to let others who are prepared to do the majority of the leg work help them by just doing the small amount that they are asked to help with.

They have also been hindering our fund raising and social development by not helping with simple things such as sending out email or messages when we have asked for them to go out. It can regularly take days or even weeks for them to actions requests after things have had to be chased multiple times. This is a change that must happen for the PTA to be able to help the school .

I wish to express my thanks to all the PTA committee members, the teachers and all of the other fantastic team members at the Knowl Hill, Parents, Grand Parents, Guardian's and of course the wonderful children.

To allow for a variety of activities and purchase we have organised and run some fantastic events this year. These include:

- The Quiz Night
- Christmas Fair
- Chocolate Bingo
- The Pirbright Duck Day Fair
- Summer Fair
- The Barn Dance
- Several Rag Collections

We using social media more and more. We have now set up a twitter account and our own web site to try and give out as much information as possible. We have also set up dedicated email addresses for the PTA members so that all communication can be kept in a central place and passed down to the next members should the person in the role change. I am currently in control of these accounts but will transfer the ownership and administration when I relinquish the role of secretary.

The PTA have offered various amounts to the school for specific items however on several occasions theses have not be taken up however we have been able to supply thanks to additions donations the following items:

USB, Headphones, Piano, Leavers Hoodies, Zoo Labs visit, Christmas Lunch and Easter Eggs

We have also invested in items such as a chip fryer and we have made our own BBQ which have we have been able to use numerous time to help use raise funds.

We have also tried to expand the social aspect of the PTA for parents and other family members by arranging monthly get together. We released that with so many coming by taxi that many family

did not get the chance to get to know the rest of the Knowl Hill family. We are hoping to expand this further over coming year.

This year we have had to say goodbye to Keeley our Parent Rep after wearing many hats in the PTA in the past. For which we have be very grateful and which her all the best. This will mean we will need to elect a new parent rep today.

I will leave you with this thought for the rest of this meeting, the PTA is not just a group of people it is an extended family that wants to help the school

Mark Flitter
Secretary