

Norris Bank Primary School PTA Co-Chairs' Report 2024/25

Welcome & Introduction

Hi everyone, and thanks for coming to our AGM!

We took over as Co-Chairs in September, and it's been a fantastic experience so far. We've had an exciting year, full of successful events, great teamwork, and invaluable support from our wonderful PTA community. Here's a recap of what we've been up to.

Highlights of the Year

- **Halloween Disco & Allergy-Free Tuck Shop**
Our most successful disco yet! We received positive feedback regarding our allergen free tuck shop.
- **Harvest Fair Cake Stall**
A huge thank you to everyone who baked for this and the Summer Fete. The cakes were a hit, and we raised just over £100.
- **Christmas Fair**
We learned a lot from this one - especially about managing the tombola and the need for more volunteers. But despite the challenges, we raised more than previous years - thanks to everyone who helped.
- **Christmas Raffle**
A massive shout-out to Sarah and Mya, whose hard work securing incredible prizes made this a huge success.
- **Wreath-Making Event**
This event had such a lovely community feel and sold out in just hours! Next time, we'll aim for more dates. Huge thanks to Sarah and Mya for running it so brilliantly, and the venue was beautifully dressed.
- **Coin Line Challenge**
The kids loved this one! A big thanks to Emma, Sarah, Beckie, and Anna for organising it. Together, they raised just over £900.
- **Martin's Everest Challenge**
A special shout-out to our PTA legend, Martin, who went the extra mile (literally!) by hiking to Everest Base Camp to raise funds. With match-funding, he brought in an incredible amount and really inspired the children. Round of applause for Martin!

- The money raised by Martin was raised in aid of Active Week, hopefully we can fund some funding exciting activities for the children.
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Behind the Scenes

- **PTA Communications**

A huge thank you to Louise for modernising our communication channels, making it easier to reach parents through ParentMail, WhatsApp, and social media. We've received positive feedback from school and parents who have appreciated being in the know. We'll continue to also update via our newsletter which we introduced in September.

- **PA System Installation**

The PA system, agreed upon at last year's AGM, was installed in January and will be a fantastic addition for school concerts and assemblies.

- **Willow Play Tunnels**

The school and PTA have co-funded willow play tunnels in the KS2 playground. The children love running in and out of the hedge along the fence, but it often houses bee and wasp nests and contains prickly weeds. The new willow tunnels provide a fun, eco-friendly alternative for them to enjoy.

- **Lotto**

Big shout out to Rick for running the Lotto. Rick is hoping to encourage more participants and will be looking to send out more comms in the future.

Looking Ahead

- **Upcoming Events**

We've got some exciting things lined up, including the **Easter Disco, Open Gardens, and the Summer Fete** – we'll discuss these later.

- **Community Engagement**

We're particularly excited about **Open Gardens**, a brand-new event that will help build community connections. We've also secured a **fortnightly coffee van** on Friday mornings to bring parents together.

- **ASDA Grant Success**

We secured an **£800 ASDA grant**, which will go towards improving the **school garden** and **SEN room**. We're looking for volunteers to help - whether it's decorating the SEN room (led by Katy B and team) or getting stuck into gardening!

- **Policy & Constitution Review**

This year, we'll focus on **incorporating and updating policies**, as well as revisiting our **constitution**, which hasn't been reviewed in many years. This process will take place following the AGM in the first committee meeting.

- **Teacher Representative**

We're excited to welcome **Miss McCormick** as our **new teacher representative**! She's been gathering suggestions from staff on what they need for their classrooms. We'll be **exploring the best ways to fund these requests** to ensuring they benefit all students while also recognising and supporting our dedicated teachers.

Final Thanks

Our Treasurer Jo, Secretary Vicky, and Vice Chair Emma have decided to step down after many years in service, we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of the committee for their dedication and hard work.

We're so grateful for every volunteer, supporter, and fundraiser who has contributed this year. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm make such a difference! We're excited for the year ahead and can't wait to see what we achieve together.

Thanks again,

Flick & Kirsty
