

**Hilltop First PTA
Annual General Meeting
6th November 2019
Chair's Report for the year 2018 to 2019**

Hilltop Friends has had a very successful second year as the PTA for Hilltop First School, which could not have been achieved without the team of brilliant volunteers. Thank you.

The treasurer's report will provide us with a detailed breakdown, but this year we have managed to raise just under £4,000, which is an increase of £1,000 from last year. A fantastic achievement.

We started the year with a mufti day in November with marshmallow toasting, an adult quiz night held in the school hall, brilliantly created/organised by Carolyn and her husband. A raffle for hampers, Christmas cards, bags for life and Elfridges (our popular Christmas pop up shop).

Early this year, we held a sing-a-long Greatest Showman film night, a disco, a magic show and organised another fabulous summer fair. What a busy year!

From all this wonderful fundraising, we have paid for another smart board for the school and an IT charging trolley, which can charge 30 laptops simultaneously.

As you know, as a registered charity, we need to have a 'formal committee' and trustees of the Charity, however I really want to stress again that every parent, grandparent and carer is part of the PTA when your child joins the school and we would welcome all help from everyone in our community-building and fundraising activities. If you want to run an event, or organise a cake sale, run a 10K or find donations we would be grateful for everything. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and School page within the school website.

As part of the formal committee, I have been asked to take over the position of Chair, as sadly Carolyn has moved from Windsor, so Jack and Lucy have moved schools. I'm sure you will agree, this is a real shame because Carolyn was such a driving force for our fundraising, but I will try my very best to fill her shoes! As I will be Chair for this year, I have stepped down as Treasurer.

We will move to the formal voting in of members shortly, but before we do this I would also like to express thanks to all the parents and families who have supported and participated in our events so generously and enthusiastically – without your participation, there is no PTA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel for being a fabulous Secretary and to Emma for being a supportive Vice Chair. To Niki, Sally, Sarah and Shirley for always being there to help with often unseen, work in the background. I apologise if I have left people unmentioned. Everyone is important to the success of Hilltop Friends.

Huge thanks to all staff at the school, who've helped make our events possible, many of whom have given their own time, a special thank you must go to the team in the office for their help with all the extra work we create for them. Finally, a big thank you also to Ms Bima for her continued support as a vital link with parents and the community.

Carolyn/Ali
PTA Chair/Treasurer 2018-19