

Hilltop First School

Annual General Meeting

6th October 2022

Chair's Report for the Year 2021 – 2022

Hilltop Friends PTA has had another very successful year, which could not have been achieved without all the fantastic volunteers who have helped in many ways! Once we have the treasurer's report, we will be able to see in more detail the full breakdown of finances for the PTA over the past year. I will then share this with everyone at the next PTA meeting.

This year we have had hot chocolate and bake sales, raffles, Christmas cards, Elfridges,..just to name a few.. and a wonderful Family BBQ in the summer which alone raised just over £400! From all this amazing fundraising, we are hoping to buy some new carpets and also perhaps a new weather cover for part of the school – tbc with Ms Bima.

Although we are a registered charity, and as such, we have a 'formal committee' and trustees of the charity, I really want to take this opportunity to state that everyone with a child at Hilltop is immediately enrolled within the PTA. Every parent, grandparent and carer. We are a hilltop school community charity and want to encourage as much participation in events and activities as possible!

Any help at all, big or small, at any event or behind the scenes leading up to the event (there's always lots of little things to organise) would be hugely appreciated, thank you. We have our Facebook page, WhatsApp group, and our page on the school website too – so please keep an eye on all of these for information, and ideas about how you can help.

In October 2021, we were very sad to lose our previous Chair, Sally Cook, as she moved away. Since May 2022, as we had no one else interested in becoming Chair, I have been acting chair, but not formally elected as Chair of the PTA. Melissa has also very kindly been acting as vice-chair, and I'd like to say a huge thank you to her for all her support recently. I'd also like to thank Rose for her commitment and dedication with the 2nd hand uniform (which is no easy task!) Udi for helping with event posters, and Felicity, Tessa, Shirley, Louie, Jamie, Arina, Katy, Anna, Nicky and Sylvia..for all your continued support and hard work behind the scenes! I'm so sorry if I have left some people unmentioned, everyone is vitally important to the success of Hilltop Friends!

We will shortly formally vote for in members of the committee, but I just wanted to also say a huge thank you to all the parents and families that continue to help us at events and raise money – your generosity, kindness and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. There would be no PTA without you!

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the school, without whom, many events would not have been able to take place. A special thank you to the office staff who never complain about the masses of emails I send them, and extra admin work the PTA throws at them.

And finally, a massive thank you to Ms Bima for all her continued support, passion and enthusiasm. You are the glue that keeps the Hilltop community together and we could not run all these events without you. Many thanks for all that you do.

Although the last couple of years have been tough for everyone due to the pandemic, I am very much looking forward to bringing the Hilltop community spirit back, through as many PTA events as possible in the next year!

Teresa Tajuddin - Acting PTA Chair May 2022-present.