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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to introduce myself as the new chair of the PTA; I live in the village with my partner and two daughters, the eldest being a year 1 student and have been an active member of the PTA for the past 18 months.

Firstly I'd like to send a huge thank you to our previous chair Clare for her efforts and achievements during her tenure. She managed to organise some memorable and successful events and I have big shoes to fill!

Funds raised by the PTA allow for the provision of many items at the school: laptops, projectors, playground equipment and cooking equipment to name a few. Additionally your children get to enjoy an ice cream on school trips, Christmas presents and crackers, leaver's gift and BBQ, book week events, Christmas pantomime and did you know we also provide a book bag to all new EYFS pupils.

It takes a lot of time and effort to organise events that raise these vital funds and without the support of our school community it simply wouldn't be possible. I appreciate that we all lead busy lives; many parents are working and juggling a number of obligations daily, for this reason committing to the PTA can seem daunting. Believe me when I say that any help no matter how small, is hugely valuable and appreciated.

I recognise that times have changed and the view of a traditional PTA can be somewhat dated. For this reason, I feel it is important we spend some time regrouping. A core committee will look at how best to evolve to be the kind of PTA you want and will support.

Your assistance and opinions are important and I will be reaching out to you all in the coming weeks so please look out for future communication.

No events will be taking place whilst we go through this process, but it is my belief that this will allow us to grow and improve, ready to organise events that will be community focused, enjoyed by many and be profitable.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to hearing your views and ideas in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards

Leigh Harper