



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

PARENTS, STAFF & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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The Ecclesbourne Parent, Staff and Friends Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 7.00pm, School Library

1. President's Welcome

Mr McNamara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Present:** James McNamara, Jacqui Davis, Kathryn Chapman, Yvonne McNamee, Emma Stott, Clarissa Ourabi, Helen Green, Petra Owen-Moore, Penny Bamber, Martin Boyce, Natalie Hickman, Liz Page, Lisa Kamen, Gail Lowe, Pete Heath, Lorraine Jenkins, Sarah Eate, Caroline Stalker, Sarah Knee, Sara Parkin, Nicola O'Neill

Apologies: Carolyn Jenkinson, Priya Chopra

3. **To approve Minutes of the 2021 Agenda held on 3 November 2021** – Minutes were approved.

4. Report of the Chair of the Association

“After a slow 18 months where activities of the PSFA were curtailed significantly due to Covid, we are now getting back on track with our Fundraising.

In Summer of this year, we held our first Quiz and Chips in almost 3 years. It had been moved to the Summer Term – in a bid to open windows and keep covid at bay – and numbers were lowered (24 tables of 8, rather than 32) to allow more spacing between tables. We also had a new Quiz Master (many thanks to Dave Atkinson for stepping into the frame, as Roger - the previous Quiz Master - was a hard act to follow) who acquitted himself admirably (and in fact the Quiz seemed even harder!!!) and new suppliers for Fish and Chips – Niks (formerly George's). The Quiz was a resounding success and brought in a whopping £2312.45 – which considering the reduction in table numbers was amazing. Many thanks to all involved and especially to Caine Scott-Mullen for the fabulous bar, to Dave Atkinson for the amazing questions, and to the Ecclesbourne Site Team for the help in setting up and ensuring the event ran smoothly on the night.

We also managed to hold a Summer Raffle, although the message was somewhat diluted so money raised was lower than for previous Raffles – something we hope to rectify with the Christmas Raffle.

EasyFundraising continues to bring in income - to date we have 120 supporters, and have raised over £2500 since joining this initiative, but this is a poor number of supporters when we have over 1500 pupils on roll. This year, we need to focus more attention on EF and I suggest we have a PSFA member specifically responsible for focusing on promotion of this in a bid to increase our number of supporters significantly. I'll be asking for volunteers at the next meeting.

Many of our "seasoned" PSFA members are leaving the School this year and I would like to thank them on behalf of the School and the PSFA:

- Liz Page – who has tirelessly chased people to help at events and kept us on the straight and narrow with legal issues
- Pete Heath, who has been tremendous – purchasing, storing and generally running around all over the place to stock the bars for the many events PSFA runs throughout the year. Pete – I don't know what we will do without you. And thank you for your kind donation!
- Caine Scott-Mullen, for his amazing bar at the Quiz and Chips (although I am hoping to persuade him to stay on!)
- Jenny Price, for her time spent as Minutes Secretary and then as a volunteer
- And finally Martin Boyce – Treasurer – whose PowerPoint presentations have become legendary (Natalie, it will be a hard act to follow!! 😊)
- I would also like to thank Clarissa Ourabi who stepped down from the PSFA on the School side but was a tremendous help with PSFA activities for many years.

As we said at the last AGM, we had had little contact with 2 years' worth of parents due to Covid. This meant our pool of volunteers was gradually shrinking as people left the School.

However, after a passionate plea at the Year 6 Induction evening in July, a good number of people have come forward to get involved (with 3 people asking to fill the upcoming Secretary vacancy – something never heard of in my time as Chair!!) so I am confident that we will be able to continue with our current calendar of events and hopefully add in additional activities as well.

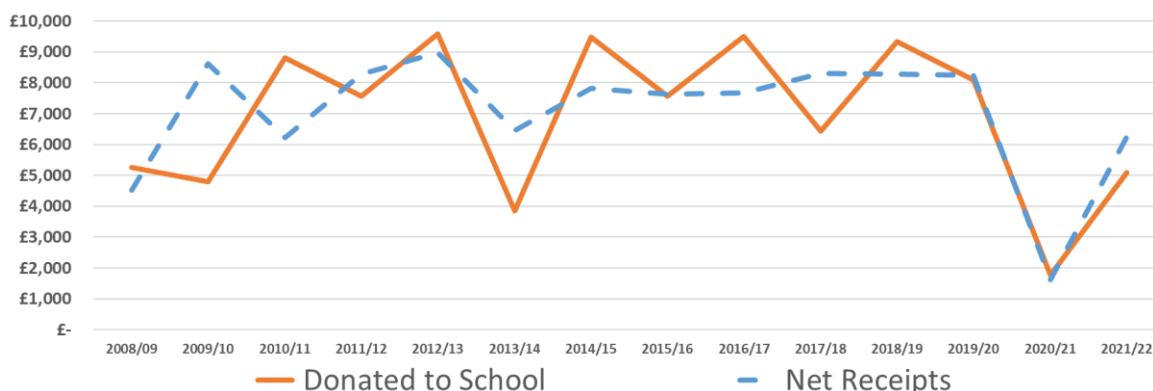
With a number of new volunteers, now is probably the time to look at some new events to raise even more funds!

A number of Bids from school have already been approved this year and I will now hand over to Martin for his financial summary and further information on these. “

5. Report of the Treasurer of the Association

It has been a delight to resume most of our usual fundraising events this year, as Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. We were able to hold a dozen events and raise £6,246 allowing us to donate £5,089 to the school. As the graph below illustrates, this is a significant improvement on the previous year (when we were unable to hold any events in-person) but still lower than pre-Covid years. Thank you, as always, to all the parents, staff and friends who supported events last year. We look forward to seeing you all at many more events in the coming academic year and aim to raise more than ever for the school.

Annual trends in donations and receipts



We have continued to benefit from online shopping donations via easyfundraising. We now have 120 supporters signed up, 50% more than last year – and we receive **FREE** donations when they shop online at thousands of retailers, such as John Lewis, Expedia, eBay, Amazon. So far we have raised a total of £2,547.23 If you are a supporter already – thank you and keep shopping! If not, please do sign up at the link below– it is really easy and won't cost you a penny.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ecclesbournepsfa/>

The PSFA ends the academic year with assets of £6,246.77, an increase of £1,156 since the start of the year, so we remain confident that the finances are in place to support the school in the coming year. If you have any ideas for raising – or spending - money to benefit the children at Ecclesbourne, then please come along and join us at one of our regular meetings – look for us on Facebook.

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Statement of Accounts for 01/08/2021 to 31/07/2022

	Balances as at 31/07/2022	Balances as at 31/07/2021
	£	£
Cash at Bank:		
Current Account	£ 5,410.82	£ 4,262.71
Project Account	£ 0.01	£ 0.01
Cash on Hand	£ 562.20	£ -
Total Cash	<u>£ 5,973.03</u>	<u>£ 4,262.71</u>
Bar Stocks	£ 214.85	£ 768.27
Total Assets	<u>£ 6,187.88</u>	<u>£ 5,030.99</u>

Profit Reconciliation

	£
Opening Assets	£ 5,030.99
Excess of Income over Costs for the year	£ 1,156.89
Closing Assets	<u>£ 6,187.88</u>

We certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Association for the stated period.



J. McNamara
President

M. Boyce
Treasurer

N. Hickman
Treasurer

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Analysis of Receipts and Costs for the year ended 31/07/2022

	Receipts £	Costs £	Net Gain/Cost to Association £	Net Gain in 2020-21 £
Autumn Quiz and Chips			£ -	£ -
Summer Quiz and Chips	£ 4,095.59	£ 1,783.14	£ 2,312.45	£ -
Non-Uniform Day	£ 705.06		£ 705.06	£ -
Parents' Evenings Raffles	£ 277.00	£ 138.50	£ 138.50	£ -
House Plays	£ 570.50	£ 266.37	£ 304.13	£ -
Technology Show			£ -	£ -
Christmas Concert	£ 462.25	£ 167.33	£ 294.92	£ -
Sales of Second Hand Uniform	£ 548.70		£ 548.70	£ -
Spring Concert	£ 450.50	£ 137.02	£ 313.48	£ -
Stars in Your Eyes	£ 411.80	£ 104.57	£ 307.23	£ -
Year 6 Open Evenings	£ 117.50	£ 41.18	£ 76.32	£ -
Summer Production	£ 493.00	£ 116.71	£ 376.29	£ -
Student Council			£ -	£ -
Teachers' Race Night			£ -	£ -
Big PTA Raffle	£ 390.00		£ 390.00	£ 1,245.00
AGM			£ -	£ -
Easyfundraising	£ 518.17		£ 518.17	£ 505.86
Donations and sundry	£ 286.12	£ 186.59	£ 99.53	£ -
Subscriptions		£ 138.00	-£ 138.00	-£ 133.00
	<u>£ 9,326.19</u>	<u>£ 3,079.42</u>		
Total net income before bids			<u>£ 6,246.77</u>	+286% <u>£ 1,617.86</u>
Payments to School for Successful Bids			-£ 5,089.88	<u>£ 1,763.60</u>
Net income/cost for the year			<u>£ 1,156.89</u>	<u>-£ 145.74</u>

Donations made in the past year:

Ecclesbourne Equestrian Team skins	£ 104.00
Music stands and trolley	£ 615.00
Prize Day book tokens	£ 2,000.00
Art Department spray paint	£ 110.00
Science Dept. Rocket Car challenge kits	£ 658.96
English Dept. author visit – Mark Lowery	£ 492.00
RE Dept. religious artefacts and storage trolley	£ 839.92
Music Dept. piano dollies with brakes	£ 270.00
	<u>£ 5,089.88</u>

We have already received a number of additional requests from teachers and we look forward to providing more donations to support children's learning and development at Ecclesbourne.

As always, we would like to record our thanks to our independent examiner, David Parkin, who has checked and confirmed these accounts.

Natalie Hickman

Martin Boyce

(Incoming) PSFA Treasurer

(Outgoing) PSFA Treasurer

6. Report of the President

Thank you to the PSFA for supporting us at Prize Giving last week. The School is really grateful to the PSFA for supplying the funds for the prizes. Following the successes of the last year and the visit by OFSTED it is more important than ever to pull together more and communicate better than we have done in the past.

The School has practically doubled in size since I joined 20 years ago, and there have been many changes. It is vital to do everything we can do to ensure candour from the School and meet challenges head on and together - such as Covid/Lockdown and the cyber attack. Students were particularly adversely affected especially Years 7 and 8 children. Even now some students are not quite back to normal.

Ecclesbourne offers a broad and balanced curriculum that develops the knowledge and skills pupils need to thrive now and for a fulfilling future. It develops pupils' resilience and confidence in themselves and their capacity for growth and stretch themselves in many ways through a wide range of activities.

We ensure that pupils feel valued as individuals; value others; and learn to work together to make a positive contribution. The House Plays are a good example of this (360 students were involved in this last year). The School develops creativity in an innovative learning environment, e.g., school productions, like "West Side Story" and Matilda which allowed certain year groups to flourish.

Our students are taught to appreciate the spiritual, moral, social and cultural richness of the world at large, for example Humanities links with RS and History through the Holocaust, and we teach our student to examine things in new ways to draw their own conclusions.

Results

This year, the School equalled its best ever results at GCSE. 93% of students gained GCSEs at A to C. 73% gained a grade 5 in English and Maths.

A level results 2022

A*-A - 39 students

A*-C - 194 students

A*-B - 89 students.

A* - 13 students

OFSTED

As a result of the recent OFSTED report, we have put into place an Action Plan which will include:

- Increased leadership and pastoral capacity
- Increased Governor training and capacity
- New safeguarding recording system
- Anonymous reporting system for students
- Training for staff/students– diversity and behaviour
- Improved monitoring systems so no child is overlooked
- Improved 2-way communication and listening to/with students and parents
- Working with external partners to plug gaps identified by OFSTED
- Review curriculum plans and monitor teaching

96% of students and parents who answered the OFSTED survey felt that their child was safe at the School, which is fantastic. However, the remaining 4% present a challenge, which needs to be addressed.

We need therefore to ensure that pupils stay safe and healthy in mind and body. There are now safe spaces where there will be a member of staff and older students who are trained. We also intend to draw on the experience of our parents.

There will be Head teacher and SLT drop-in clinics throughout the year available to parents via appointment system in groups. In addition, there are now Pastoral Hubs with the students each day. They are non-judgemental so as to instil confidence in the students again and ensure that they feel listened to.

There is now a Safeguarding Governor (Liz Page) and student panels as well as an Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

The School's parent body has skills which could benefit the School – hence better communications with parents are required.

7. Nominations and Election of Committee members

- **Chair of the Association** - Jacqui Davis nominated by Kathryn Chapman, seconded by Liz Page
- **Treasurer** - Natalie Hickman nominated by Martin Boyce, Davis, seconded by Jacqui Davis
- **Secretary** - Carolyn Jenkinson – nominated by Jacqui seconded by Liz Page. Carolyn can nominate Sara Parkin to deputize as and where necessary
- **Publicity Officer** - Gail Lowe – nominated by Jacqui Davis seconded by Kathryn Chapman

Committee Members (maximum 25)

1. Jacqui Davis
2. Natalie Hickman
3. Carolyn Jenkinson
4. Gail Lowe
5. Petra Owen-Moore (School)
6. Helen Green (School)
7. Emma Stott (School)
8. Nicola O'Neill
9. Sarah Eate
10. Yvonne McNamee
11. Kathryn Chapman
12. Esther Crooks
13. Martin Boyce
14. Lorraine Jenkins
15. Lisa Kamen
16. Penny Bamber (School)
17. Jane Arnold (School)
18. Sue Small
19. Priya Chopra
20. Kate Dudgeon
21. Helen Fox-White
22. Clarissa Ourabi (School)
23. Sara Parkin
24. Caroline Stalker
25. Claire Flowers

9. AOB – none

Closing Remarks: The Chair thanked everyone for coming and hopes to see them all at the next Meeting.