

PTA AGM and Treasurer's Report 2014/15

The AGM was held as part of the new parents coffee morning on Tuesday, September 8 in the 'Peaceful Place' at Webb's Road.

Present at the meeting were co-Chair's Fiona O'Hanlon and Tim Stoney and Trustees Hilary Clarke, Katherine Bailey, Patty Gnoato, Sally Wallwork and Eliza Peter, as well as 25 parents from the school community.

Apologies were sent from Fergal Spencer, Claire Howells and Nathalie Hankey.

The Treasurer's Report and the co-Chair's Report were presented on the meeting and adopted.

Agenda

Welcome to new parents

Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report and Treasurer's Report

Request for vacant roles to be filled

Outline of role of Trustees and work of the PTA

Thanks to outgoing trustees

Notification of Trustee's meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

Co-Chairs' Report – AGM 2014/15 Academic Year

Fiona O'Hanlon and Tim Stoney were the co-chairs for the academic year just passed, after Hilary Clarke and Emma Brierley stepped down.

The PTA wishes to thank Emma and Hilary in particular for their tireless efforts for the school over many years, not just their time as co-Chairs.

The year was a great year for the PTA in financial terms – see attached Treasurers Report, but has signalled the end of an era, with many long term trustees and volunteers leaving our ranks as work and family commitments mount.

During the year we saw the retirement of Jo Martin, Violaine Gomar, Emma Brierley, Cecile Monico, Nathalie Hankey, Jules Rampton and departure from the school of our Treasurer Antoine Miribel.

As a group the PTA would like to thank them all for their service and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We would like to thank all the parents, school staff and teachers who have contributed their time energy and enthusiasm to all our events over the year and also to the numerous local businesses who have been generous with their donations. Special thanks to Alexandra Turnbull for her assistance and all the front office staff who have put up with so much throughout the year. Of course very little would happen for the PTA without the tireless support of Ray and Baki and, to them, we extend our sincerest thanks.

The PTA Trustees and Assistants for 2014/15:

Fiona O'Hanlon	– co-Chair (Meteor)
Tim Stoney	– co-Chair (Webb's)
Antoine Miribel	– Treasurer
Karine Brunet	– Secretary
Violaine Gomar	– Rep of Reps
Hilary Clarke	– Trustee/Governor
Emma Brierley	– Trustee
Nathalie Hankey	– Trustee/Governor
Jo Martin	– Trustee
Cecile Monico	– Trustee
Elisabeth Oddono	– Trustee
Julie Rampton	– Trustee
Sally Wallwork	– Trustee
Mary Sweeting	– Website manager
Hortense Huez	– Newsletter Editor/Belleville Buzz
Marila Perez	– Rep of reps
Patty Gnoato	– Sponsorship
Wendy Wilson	– Theatre Tickets
Jill Dicker-Solderer	– Abel & Cole
Annabel Howcroft	– Abel & Cole

Report on last Academic Year: September 2014 – July 2015.

It was a busy and productive year for the PTA this year. We ran many successful events, and continued our support of the school programs including World Book Day and the Music Program for Year 4, as well as starting to make plans for funding the improvement of several play areas at both the Webb's Rd and Meteor Street sites.

Autumn Term

Reception Picnic – Turning up to a park in September to meet people who you'll spend the next seven years with can be a little daunting. Not so for this year's Reception parents who came out in droves to meet their new classmates. Bonds were made, friendships renewed and phone numbers exchanged. Thanks especially to Hilary Clarke who co-ordinated the gathering of the all-important email list to help everyone keep in touch.

New Parents Evening – The annual phonics evening – where new parents basically learn how their children will learn – is the first chance to ensnare, um....err...recruit some new PTA members. It's kind of like the early primaries in a U.S. election, you know... here's my platform we need volunteers, so sign up for the cause. This year

that cause was helped by a small offering of a drink after a thorough run-down on all the PTA has to offer.

Coffee Morning – Al Gusto once again generously donated some coffee, tea and cakes to support the coffee morning. A chance for new or existing parents to chat to members of the PTA and find out more about what we do and sign up to help. In a very social atmosphere, on a lovely autumn morning about 30 parents joined members of the PTA for coffee and cakes.

Film Nights – The perfect way to start the weekend! For all the things that could go wrong with 120 kids in a small space, watching a film most had already seen, armed with a bag a popcorn – nothing did. Over two nights (R-2 and Yr3-6) *Rio 2* entertained the kids with no major injuries or damage to property! Not an easy task. Thanks to Ray for the set up and clean up to all the parents and teachers who generously gave up their time to help make the nights a huge success.

Quiz Night – Question: Where's the most important place to finish on quiz night? Answer: Second – because it's amoral victory and you don't have to set the questions next year. Thanks to Hilary Clarke and Emma Brierley and Patty Gnoato who organised food, drinks, tables, and clean up and even had time to answer some questions. Another stunning success at the Meteor Street campus.

Shopping Evening – Who would actually pay to spend money I asked when I first hear about the Shopping evening. Apparently lots of people. More than 130 people went through the main hall at Webb's Road to get a head start on their Christmas shopping at the second annual Shopping Evening. Dozens of traders, many of them local, sold their wares to the parents. The evening was a big hit – though more mulled wine will be served earlier in a bid to raise sales even more next year. Thanks to Cecile Monico, Paloma Belaunde, Fiona O'Hanlon and many others who helped make this event a success.

Christmas Fair – Plenty of ho, ho, ho but no snow, snow, snow! Sally Wallwork can work miracles on 34th Street, but can't control the weather unfortunately. On a relatively balmy night for December, hundreds flocked to Webb's Road for the highlight of the Autumn term calendar. Thanks especially go to Sally everyone who volunteered to help out on stalls during the day.

Christmas Cards – Susan Mulcahy again did a wonderful job organising the huge volume of Christmas Cards and other Christmas items, as well as dealing with every problem that arose.

Calendars – Under the creative eye of Sasha De Paz the annual class calendars were once again a huge hit. Thanks to Jules Rampton for organising them, all the photos were a stunning memory for the kids and parents to take away with them.

Christmas Tree Sale – Thanks to Hannah Fitzsimmons for once again organising a very successful tree sale. It will be held a bit earlier this year to capture all those parents who like to get the tree up early so hopefully it will be even bigger and better this year.

Spring Term

Easter Bake – What could possibly go wrong when you put hundreds of kids in a small area and give them chocolate? In this case nothing! The bonnets were spectacular – Thanks to Miss Ashton and Mr Lunn for judging – thanks to the Year 1 mum's for the delicious cakes and the Easter Bunny for the plentiful supply of eggs.

Fun Run – Now in its fourth year the annual Fun Run has become a real highlight for the school. Hundreds of kids from Nursery to Year 6 competed in the events with some outstanding performances. Kimberley Burrows and Pam Norris, as the principle organisers, did a wonderful job gathering prizes and medals and trophies. The highlight for me for the second year in a row remains the cow though!!!

World Book Day – under the guidance of Miss Avison, the children were once again treated to entertainers and story tellers to celebrate World Book Day. The PTA? We donated £6000 for the purchase of new reading books for every classroom. Books that were chosen by the kids themselves.

Film Nights – No you're not seeing double. Suckers for punishment we are at the PTA. Having survived two film nights in Autumn Term we did it all again and ran two more!! Both a great success.

Summer Term

Summer Fair – Perhaps it might have been a little tasteless to actually serve animals at a Summer Fair with a theme of 'Animals' but the burgers and sausages did sell well the kids didn't seem to notice! Thanks to those people who donated their BBQs. On an overcast day in June, the rain held off long enough to make the Fair another fantastic success. Thanks to ALL the amazing, generous and talented parents who ran stalls and the very talented kids who participated in Bellville's Got Talent. Credit must go to Paloma Belaunde and all her volunteers for running the auditions and conducting the event – let alone bringing it back from the brink when it looked like we might not be able to run it. John Grove was amazing patient drawing all 35+ raffle prizes (with some help from the kids), and to Baki and his team of workers for the set up. Special acknowledgment to our treasurer, Antoine Miribel, for his tireless crime fighting efforts against counterfeit notes and the very systematic counting of the cash afterwards. Thanks also to the dad who brought beer over to the BBQ for me... much appreciated thought I didn't catch his name.'

Year 6 Leavers Disco/Year 6 Yearbook and Hoodies – Great evening, great hoodie, great results for secondary school admission too. (Though those were in no way related to the disco or hoodies). Hilary Clarke and Co. – no not a new local real estate agent but the group of unsung heroes charged with the responsibility of sending our

leavers off into the world of GCSE's a A-Levels with memories to last a lifetime.
Well done to you all.