

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Kathryn Fox
Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know we held our AGM on Friday 20th September. We had an excellent meeting and have formed a new committee for this school year. We are delighted to welcome Kathryn Fox as our new Chair and Laura Marshall and Millie Fasakin have joined the committee. We have had a wonderful response from you all offering help throughout the year. Thank you to Fiona Hindmarsh, Claire Bright, Louise Brown, Katherine Hague, Hannah Hubb, Claire Burn, Lucy Sutcliffe and Jenny Vickers.

This year we have some fundraising aims. We are looking to bring Numicon into Early Year's and Y1/2. This is a resource designed to help children visualise numbers to help them add, subtract, multiply and divide. We think it is extremely important to help our children get to grips with these skills as early as possible and hope Numicon will help build these important foundations. Mrs Brannen is also keen to supplement the Read Write Inc phonics books to help reinforce the children's phonics skills in addition to and alongside the current books.

For the older children we want to improve the IT facilities that they have access to. Mrs Brannen is talking to the middle and senior schools to ensure we have compatible equipment.

We also have a long term aim of refurbishing the Early Year's school kitchen - this might take a little bit of fundraising.....

I hope you will all agree that all of the above will really benefit our children. We would really welcome ideas for fundraising events that we can add to our calendar.

We are going to be hosting our Christmas shopping event on Friday 22nd November so please add it to your diaries. We are also going to do a Quiz night for all parents/guardians in the Spring Term.

We are adding a PTA page to the school website to keep you all updated of our fundraising and progress. We will also be in touch regularly throughout the year with updates.

Best wishes

The PTA Committee