

Avenue Primary Academy Parent Teacher Association

Aim and purpose

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and all its helpers are a group of volunteers who give their time to organise fundraising events for the School. It's all about creating magical, fun moments that the children and their families will enjoy and remember. The events range from the smaller ones, such as a cake sale or drawing competition, to larger events such as a school disco, Christmas or Summer Fair. There are even some fun 'parent only' events such as Quiz Night or Bollywood Evening.

Objectives and activities

The funds that are raised are extremely important to the school and go directly towards equipment and resources across all of the year groups, to provide an environment that motivates our children to learn and grow.

Every parent/carer at the school is naturally a member of the PTA, but some are able to give a little more time and commitment than others. Every year, the PTA encourages new members to join the working committee, which is made up of lead roles; Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and core active members. Regardless of how much time people can give however, every contribution is valued towards making the events a success.

When planning activities for the year, the PTA work in collaboration with the school to create a variety of events that will be enjoyable for the school community, acknowledge the diversity within the school and which are also accessible to all. The core committee liaises with school to decide upon a calendar of events. Wider committee meetings are then held to form small working groups for each event. When planned and ready to run, further volunteers are recruited from the wider school community pool.

Achievements and performance

Throughout the year, we repeat several events on a regular basis, due to their popularity and ease of organisation. Bag2School collections, timed for convenience after holiday breaks to give people time to sort and bring in unwanted items for donation, have raised £1085.00. End of term celebration doughnut / cookie sales have raised £2209.79. Dependant on weather, we also try to run ice pop sales every Friday over the 2nd half of the summer term, this year raising £440.05.

We are aware that our school community is diverse and that there are financial impacts on many of us that not only may prevent participation in events but also the purchase of everyday necessities such as school uniform. In light of this, the PTA go to great efforts to collect, sort, store and wash if necessary, 2nd hand uniform throughout the year. This 2nd hand uniform is made available for greatly discounted prices, including bundle discounts, which raised £650.61 this year.

We aim to coordinate events in line with the time of year, to run in accordance with the curriculum and aid learning in the classroom if possible. The Sunflower Competition, which was held in March and judged in August, is a lovely, minimal cost event for all the children to get involved in. At only £1 per entry, it raised £449.91. It links with the younger years' curriculum and provides them with a sense of pride over the summer holidays, eager to share their news when terms starts in September. Celebration cards, historically named the Christmas Card Project, is a fundraising project over the Christmas period, whereby children can create an art design that is typically transformed, by an external company, into cards, mugs and wrapping paper. The fundraising project was renamed in acknowledgment of the fact that not all of our community celebrate Christmas and that they may want to celebrate other traditions instead. Our Celebration card project made £522. To celebrate the magic of Christmas, the PTA worked tirelessly to create a wonderful Grotto experience for the children, giving them the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a gift. Our grotto made just under £4000.

Although the majority of our events are run for the children and community as a whole, we do aim to organise one or two fun events for the parents / carers only. Our Quiz night, hosted by one of the parents in the school hall, was a fabulous opportunity to have a local night out with friends, whilst raising funds for the school; £564.60.

This year, the PTA chose to run a new event for the family; The circus came to school, setup and run by an external company. Although the outlay for this was relatively large, we still managed to make £4143.62 profit and it was agreed by all to be a super family event.

Finally, our biggest event of the year, the Summer Fair was attended by approx. 3000 people from the school and wider community, raising a massive £8317.46. 130 volunteers were involved in both the planning and running of that event alone.

Financial review

The profit made in the financial year Sep '22 – Sep'23 was totalled at £23,826. This included money made from events and projects run, uniform sold, donations and online fundraising schemes such as Easyfundraising and our association with Stikins.

Of that profit, £8,645.03 was spent on resources for the school such as new books, computers, playground equipment and general school supplies. The PTA also seeks to acknowledge the efforts and brilliance of our school staff and so we continue to provide tea, coffee and hot chocolate supplies for the staff room. We also provided a small welcome pack to all new parents/carers with children starting in reception, to welcome them into the school community and in doing so, familiarise them with the PTA and it's work.

With such a large amount of money in the bank, discussion is ongoing with school as to how best to utilise it. Requests for spending are continually welcomed and voted upon by the committee.

Reserves policy

The PTA aims to keep aside £8,000 - 10,000 at the end of each academic year, to be available for expenses, to run events the next academic year.

Governance and management

The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 7th October, via zoom, during which any new committee members will be voted on.

The Committee members that served in 2022 – 2023

Joint Chair: Natalie Preston, Stephen Capel, Emily Bradley

Secretary: Natasha Capel

Treasurer: Natalie Warner

Voted in and approved at AGM October 2022

Natalie Warner resigned as Treasurer. Faith Gurel was voted in as Treasurer at an EGM held on Sunday 5th March 2023

**UNAUDITED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT & BALANCE SHEET AVENUE PTA
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Income from Fundraising Activities	42,749	15,178
Expenses from fundraising activities	18,923	6,643
SURPLUS FROM ACTIVITIES	23,826	8,535
Disbursements to the School		
Grants to school	8,645	3,502
TOTAL DONATED TO THE SCHOOL	8,645	3,502
Bank Charges	182	76
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN FUNDS	14,999	4,957
BALANCE SHEET		
Funds brought forward	28,832	14,971
Surplus for the year	14,999	9,572
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	43,831	24,543
Current Account	43,831	24,089
Reserve Account	-	4,743
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	43,831	28,832



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Avenue Parent Teacher Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

802771

Set out on pages

2 Pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31st August 2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27/11/2024

Name:

STEPHEN BROWNIE

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(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A