West Monkton Primary School PTA

Chairperson's Report

Good evening everyone,

For those who don't know me, I'm Claire Enticott and I'm the Chair of West Monkton Primary School PTA.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome everyone here tonight, and give a particularly warm welcome to our new Headteacher, Keira Hayden. We're really pleased to have you join us and are looking forward to working together over the coming year.

This has been my first year as Chairperson, and I have to say, I've been incredibly lucky to have such a lovely group of people around me. I was welcomed into the role with open arms, and everyone has been so supportive, helpful and willing to get involved. That has made stepping into the role so much easier and, most importantly, really enjoyable.

What the PTA is all about:

The main purpose of the PTA is, of course, to raise money for the school and to provide resources, equipment and experiences that the school budget simply can't always afford.

But personally, I think the PTA is about much more than just the fundraising. It's about bringing people together. It's about creating opportunities for children and families to make memories and feel part of the community. Whether it's a disco, fayre or one of the smaller events we run, it's so lovely to see the fun everyone has. My personal highlight is getting to see and meet with the children on a Friday afternoon when I do a shift at the tuck shop – it's lovely to see them happy and smiling at the end of their busy week at school. They are all so polite too!

Looking back over the last year:

It has been a busy year, but also one that I'm incredibly proud of.

We've hosted lots of different family events and activities, and it has been fantastic to see the support from our school and wider community. We have raised over £7,000 in profit, which is a brilliant achievement for our PTA.

That money allowed us to fund school trips and provide £100 worth of equipment and resources for every classroom.

Knowing that the money we raise is directly benefiting the children makes all the work worthwhile.

It really is a team effort, and I think that's something we should all be very proud of.

Looking ahead:

We're already looking forward to another busy year and, hopefully, another year full of events that bring our community together.

We already have lots planned, including:

- Quiz Night
- Three school discos
- Pop-up shops
- Easter Bingo
- Colour Run

- Christmas Fayre

- Summer Fayre

I'm really looking forward to building on what we've achieved this year and continuing to find new ways to raise money while making sure our events are enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you:

Finally, I want to say a massive thank you to every single PTA member.

I genuinely couldn't have done this first year without you. Everyone gives their time in different ways, and every contribution — whether big or small — makes a difference. I really appreciate the support, encouragement and good humour you've all given me throughout the year.

I'd also like to thank all of the school staff for their help with our events. We know how busy you are, and we really do appreciate the time, support and enthusiasm you give us.

And finally, a huge thank you to all of the West Monkton families and wider community for supporting us.

The PTA belongs to the whole school community, and it's because of your support that we are able to give so much back to the school and our children.

When you look at everything we've achieved over the last year — the events, the money raised, the trips funded and the resources provided for classrooms — it really shows what can happen when a community comes together.

I'm incredibly proud to be Chair of the West Monkton PTA, and I'm excited to see what we can achieve together over the next year.

Thank you all for your continued support — and here's to another brilliant year for West Monkton PTA!