

**Meadowburn Primary School**  
**PTA Vice Chair Person Report 2017-2018**

**Chair – Vacant**

**Vice Chair – Sam McLean**

**Treasurer – Georgia Patterson**

**Secretary – Vacant – Lynn Grayson undertaking minutes**

**Lets co-ordinator – Yvonne Stevenson**

**PTA Committee members throughout 2017 - 2018**

Yvonne Stevenson

Georgia Patterson

Lynne Grayson

Aileen McDonald-Haak

Yaeger Major

Samantha McLean

Deana Greaves

Jenny Jenkins

Jillian Claydon

Jackie Cinquegrana

Elaine McCauley

Claire Watson

Diane Wright

Fiona McInnes

Christine Robertson

Fiona Munro

Fiona Walker

Anne Henderson

Gillian Stack

**Teaching staff:**

Mr Glancy

Mrs Doherty

Mrs Craig

PTA members detailed above have all contributed in some manner towards the organisation and undertaking of events accompanied with additional support also received from volunteering parents and carers. Extensive Thanks are expressed to all members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in order to make the events possible.

A large number of PTA members will be standing down owing to children progressing on to secondary level. These members being Yvonne Stevenson, Fiona McInnes, Aileen McDonald – Haak, Diane Wright, Claire Watson and Anne Henderson. Heartfelt thanks are extended to each and every one of you for your hard work and support over the years. Particular thanks to Yvonne for Lets, Cupboard stocking, endless Booker runs etc, etc (I think the list is endless.)

Personal thanks to Diane (and Joe Keenan) for their assistance with Calendar and leavers book production and Anne for both her assistance with the Christmas Fair and her background guidance for myself over this last year. Meadowburn Primary has benefitted enormously from your contribution and the PTA will very much feel your absence as will I with the support that you have provided me over this last year. Good Luck in your children's next chapter of education.

Thanks also to Gillian & extended family, whose assistance at Christmas bought many a smile to the children's faces in Santas grotto!

Some PTA members have needed to stand down during the year and our sincere thanks are extended to Jackie Cinquegrana, Jenny Jenkins & Jillian Claydon for your contribution to PTA matters and we do hope that you may be able to return in due course.

Special Thanks also to Georgia whose hard work with the treasurer's position over the last six years is particularly commendable. You will be very much missed in this position for your capability and I do hope that the new treasurer will be able to seek some guidance from you.

Going into 2018-19 members stand as being Georgia Patterson, Lynn Grayson, Deana Greaves, Yeager Major, Christine Robertson, Fiona Walker, Fiona Munro, Mhairi Colston and Sam McLean. Two interested parents are set to join us next year, Alison McDade and Gayle Don and I do hope that additional new members will be forthcoming, in order to ensure the level of support that the school depends upon.

## **What we did / What we provided in 2017-2018**

### **Fundraisers**

The Christmas Fair, School Calendar, MacTuff Obstacle Course and various Discos were all successful fundraisers this year with Ready Steady Read also providing the school with a substantial amount for books. It has been noted that disco support within the upper school is diminishing and it may be beneficial to address this in the new term. The Summer Fun night is awaited and it is hoped that this will be well supported. Meadowburn bags have been purchased but have not been proving popular with parents presently.

### **What the funds bought for the school and children**

- (1) Swimming Lessons
- (2) P7 Leavers Ties, book and event
- (3) Money for school class projects
- (4) Contribution to school trip and Ardmay buses
- (5) Fruit and Obstacle Course for Health Week
- (6) Large contribution towards new sound system – currently awaited
- (7) Teachers Stamps for classes
- (8) Contribution to Chess Club
- (9) Provision of funds for outdoor space
- (10) New books for class libraries

## Ongoing Items

Matters are still ongoing with the Council in order to progress line painting within playground with view to daily mile route then being provided as per Mr Mann's contribution to funds in 2016-2017.

School Sound System is being replaced, hopefully asap.

## Summary

This has been my first year as Vice Chair, a role that I felt I would be able to manage given a strenuous shift working occupation. However, without either a Chair or Secretary to support me, I have found the overall role I have needed to undertake, really quite demanding. I have tried to ensure that PTA members have all been made aware of Agenda matters in advance of meetings, with minutes circulated accordingly. I very much thank Lynn for assisting with undertaking minutes at meetings and for the distribution following, this assistance has been invaluable as has the doodle poll provision for Discos and events. I do believe better communication with parents in all forms, whether that be via school parentmail, facebook or general flyers is essential, we need to ensure that the PTA works together as a team moving forwards with this, in order to prevent individuals being overburdened.

I appreciate the demands faced by all of us with family life and work been our priorities, I thank each of you for your help and support provided throughout the year, however big or small, without you the PTA would not exist.

My thanks are also extended to Head Teacher, Deputies, teachers, office staff, pupils and also the janitors for their ongoing help and support with our events. Particular thanks to parents whose support we so very much rely on.

I look forward to another successful year with the PTA in 2018 - 2019. Meadowburn Primary will be celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in August 2019, it would be nice to come up with a special celebration of some sort.

Thank – you all for your ongoing support.

Sam McLean