

LE ROCQUIER SCHOOL PTA

Chairman's Report for 2016/2017

Well, here we are again folks – the start of another School Year and time once more for the A.G.M. to report on the old one!

Another year has sped by, with many successes recorded for your PTA. Your hard-working Committee has once again raised significant funds for the School and has made significant and much-needed contributions to school-related activities/projects, as referred to below.

Car Boot Sales continue to be the PTA's main source of income, although there is a diminishing trend which has seen smaller numbers of stallholders attending, with a corresponding reduction in funds raised. We have kept to the well-established 'first-Saturday-of-the-month' (and extra mid-Summer month events) programme, and we've settled on the main School car park as the best and safest outside venue given that it separates stallholders and their stalls from moving vehicles! [*see attached photograph of the event held on 15th July 2017*]. Access arrangements to the car park are such that we cannot safely utilise any portion of the area unused by stallholders for parking. However, visiting customers are well-provided for in the both bus lay-bys and the smaller of the 2 ball courts. If necessary, the larger (slightly more distant - but not by much) ball court can also be brought into use for 'overflow' parking.

The last Car Boot Sale of 2016 (in October) was a disappointment, with wet weather deterring all but the bravest! Unsurprisingly, the Car Boot Sale attempted in the first week of February 2017 was also not successful because of the weather (but at least it wasn't a 'Snow Boot Sale' as some had suggested it might turn out to be!!). The March event went ahead but was also spoilt by the threat of wet weather (although it ultimately turned out to be a dry morning). The situation was greatly improved from April onwards, when our Car Boot Sale season really got under way. We never 'cancel' a Car Boot Sale once advertised, and only abandon one if no stallholders turn up! We still have lots of 'regular customers' - many of whom have become 'friends' of the school - who are keen to participate in

what is, in effect, a form of recycling and who benefit from the ‘Le Rocquier School Car Boot Sale Loyalty Scheme’, introduced in 2015. [This provides for stallholders who pay for a pitch on 5 occasions to get the 6th one free of charge!]. In support of the general principle of ‘recycling’, **the PTA’s recycled school uniform ‘Shop’** at Car Boot Sales proved popular in the early days, enabling good quality items of uniform to be purchased at reasonable prices. However, our ‘stock’ became depleted and few replacement items have been forthcoming. Consequently, the PTA would be grateful for further donations of items of uniform at any time if this venture is to have a chance of continuing.

On the ‘Community’ front, those of you who are residents of Grouville, St. Clement or St. Saviour may have seen occasional articles in the respective Parish magazines (“*Grouville Gazette*”; “*L’Amarrage*”; and “*La Cloche*”) during the year which featured Le Rocquier School and/or PTA activities.

PTA Car Boot Sales cease once the winter months arrive, although we always hope to remain in operation until the beginning of October, after which we take a break from Car Boot Sales until the Spring of 2018 - hopefully the first Saturday of either February or March - weather permitting. However, we continue to work hard on your behalf, as you will see from the note below about the forthcoming **Race Night** and ‘**Christmas Bingo**’ events!!

A new venture for the PTA in 2017 was a ‘**Race Night**’ held on **19th May at the Ambassadeur Hotel, St. Clement’s Coast Road**. On this occasion the PTA hosted a fund-raising event open to staff and friends of the School as well as members of the PTA and their families. A total of 42 people attended at a cost of £10 per head, which price included a hot meal. As well as cash prizes from the Tote, local businesses kindly donated other prizes which were used throughout the evening for the 8 races run, including ‘auctions’ of jockeys and horses! Entertainment at the break was provided by the fabulous local live band ‘Ginger Wookie’ and nearly £300 was raised for PTA funds.

Spurred on by the success in May, a further ‘Race Night’ was held on Friday 13th October 2017, once again at the Ambassadeur Hotel, and many parents and friends joined in with an evening of fun and

entertainment. Tickets were very reasonably priced at £10 per person and were available from School and at PTA events since the beginning of term.

Once again, a big “thank you” from me goes to all Committee members, and co-opted members, for their efforts in supporting the School. We continue to have the benefit of parents of current and former students, as well as a number of members of the School’s teaching staff – including the Headteacher (once again a member of the PTA Committee)! In particular, the PTA owes a huge ‘thank you’ to Stewart Elston, who continues to play a major role in supporting the PTA, particularly in respect of Car Boot Sales. Thanks also to the School’s senior management team and all the staff at the School for their continued efforts towards your children’s education.

By way of assisting the School’s good work, the PTA continues to provide funding for projects which might not otherwise have secured money from the normal budgetary process. For the year 2016/2017, the PTA has made the following contributions totalling £1,600 –

- £500 to the KS3 Textiles Club for material for dresses and bags for Africa; and
- £1,100 towards replacement Work Bench Frames, requested by the Site Manager.

The work of the PTA is all clearly to the benefit of the students and the School and, although it could not have been done without the PTA Committee, it also requires support from YOU, the parents and friends of Le Rocquier School. There is much you can do to help. As well as attending functions, parents and friends can also support the school by participating in the various ongoing schemes, such as donating items for the second-hand uniform ‘Shop’ referred to above; through membership of the 100 Club* (monthly draws – *see below*); and by using the PTA’s own C.I. Co-Operative Society account number (313660) – even if only occasionally.

A **100 Club** is run every School Year (with special thanks to Sam Ennis, our 100 Club Co-ordinator) and, with membership at only £12 for the year,

this is a great way of supporting the School! [** Don't forget that it's still not too late to join the 2017/2018 100 Club - and you could win a prize of £50 at the A.G.M, not to mention the possibility of £100 just before Christmas – see below!]*

Following the renewed success of our 'Easter Bingo', a special '**Christmas Bingo**' evening will be held in either late November or early December 2017. Although subject to confirmation by the new PTA Committee to be elected at the A.G.M., if it does go ahead the doors will most likely open at 6 p.m. for a prompt start at 6.30 p.m. All will be welcome and, in order to attract as many players as possible, the big prize game will guarantee at least a whopping £50 for the winner - and it could be even more, because the more people that take part the bigger the prize will be! There'll probably be no entrance charge, so – once confirmed as proceeding - do please tell all your friends, neighbours and relations, and get them to pass the word around about the free entry and that Le Rocquier School is the place to be for Christmas Bingo! [** And doubly-so because the Bingo event will probably also be used to draw the magnificent December 100 Club prize of £100! 100 Club membership will be on sale during the evening so why not come along and get yourself and the family another number or more for extra chances to win!]*].

Once again, I urge you all, please, to support the School and the PTA, and help to give all students at Le Rocquier School the best that can be provided.

Thank you for your continued support. Contact us through the School website (www.lerocquier.com) or on Facebook: lerocquierpta or e-mail us at pta@lrs.sch.je. We look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Peter Monamy

October 2017

P.S. And please don't forget that the PTA's C.I. Co-Op Society Share No. is 313660 and that this can be used at all Co-Op stores throughout the Islands. Thank you.

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I would like to purchase ticket(s) for Le Rocquier School PTA 100 Club. Tickets are £12 each.

Membership runs from September 2017 - August 2018. Monthly draws of £50 to be won, with a £100 prize in December.

*I **enclose** a cheque in the amount of £ payable to "Le Rocquier School PTA" (or cash)*

[n.b. A Standing Order mandate is also available].

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