

LE ROCQUIER SCHOOL PTA

Chairman's Report for 2019/2020

Well, what a year it's been.

It started off well enough for the PTA, with Car Boot Sales in September and October; followed by a Race and Live Music Night; and then Christmas Bingo.

For the planet as a whole, it was the New Year which brought reports of a previously unheard of virus, Coronavirus – later defined as Covid-19. This quickly spread throughout the world, leading to unprecedented social disruption and mounting numbers of casualties.

For Jersey, lock-down in March put paid to many public events which – for the PTA – meant no more Car Boot Sales and cancellation of the Easter Bingo. Even as the worst of the situation improved, uncertainty remained as to precisely to what extent normality could return. Even until quite recently, whilst plans had tentatively been in place for a Race and Live Music Night on 9th October 2020, this too – regrettably - has now been cancelled.

The grant of 'charitable status' to the PTA at the end of 2018 has not, so far, attracted major sponsorship – although it is hoped that a significant fund-raising effort will soon be underway to further support the school in a substantial way. More of this in the weeks ahead.....

So, in 2020, Car Boot Sales have not after all been the PTA's main source of income and, in common with many other organisations Island-wide, income generally has been substantially reduced. However, I am pleased to report that the PTA's '100 Club' has thrived throughout the pandemic, with all 11 monthly £50 prizes and the special £100 'Christmas' prize having been paid-out to the lucky winners.

The 100 Club for September 2020 to August 2021 is underway and all parents and friends are invited to become members at just £12 for the year. The first 2 x £50 prizes (for September and October) will be drawn at the Annual General Meeting, so do please support your PTA by investing in membership (why not have at least one for each member of the family!). ***Don't forget that it's still not too late to join the 2020/2021 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!***

As well as thanking parents and friends for supporting the School, a big “thank you” from me also goes to all Committee members for their efforts on the PTA. In particular, the Committee is indebted to our Secretary – Lisa Howkins – and to our Treasurer – Jenny Richardson – without both of whom the PTA just could not function! 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. In particular, I am grateful to Vice-Chairman Stewart Elston for his long-standing support and encouragement, particularly in respect of Car Boot Sales and Race Nights. Thanks must also go 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. Whilst, for the year 2019/2020, PTA support for the School has been unavoidably less than hitherto in financial terms, it has been able to make the following contributions –

- £300 towards the ‘Game of Tiaras’ production by the Creative Arts Faculty; and
- £660 towards the School’s first (but what was hopefully to be an annual event) Christmas Party for Senior Citizen Parishioners [*in which connexion, the Food Preparation Area and Pantry Development part-funded by the PTA last year, was fully utilised!*].

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 (once these are underway again), 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’; donating prizes for our raffles throughout the year; joining the 100 Club (monthly draws – *see application form below**); and by using the PTA’s own C.I. Co-Operative Society account number (313660) – even if only occasionally.

Additionally, although the 2020 ‘Christmas Bingo’ is ‘pencilled-in’ to take place on Friday, 27th November, it remains unclear whether this will be able to go ahead, and a decision will be made closer to the time!

I urge you, please, to support the School and the PTA – particularly at this most difficult time - 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 e-mail us at pta@lrs.sch.je. We look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Peter Monamy

October 2020

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.

Le Rocquier School PTA 100 Club application form

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

Membership runs from September to August - monthly draws for prizes of £50, with a special prize for December of £100.

I enclose cash or a cheque in the amount of £ – cheques to be payable to “Le Rocquier School PTA”. [n.b. A Standing Order mandate is also available].

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PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION FORM AND CHEQUE OR CASH OR STANDING ORDER MANDATE TO:

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