

LE ROCQUIER SCHOOL PTA

Chairman's Report for 2017/2018

It has been another successful year for your PTA, with the hard-working Committee having - on your behalf – not only once again raised significant funds, but also provided much-needed contributions to school-related activities/projects (referred to below, and of which further details appear in the Annual Accounts).

Car Boot Sales continue to be the PTA's main source of income. We have maintained the 'first-Saturday-of-the-month' (and extra mid-Summer month events) programme and, although the cost of a pitch has increased to £10, this does still represent good value given that the large tarmacked site is flat and level and there's plenty of customer car parking, with toilet facilities immediately adjacent. The weather on Car Boot Sale Saturdays has generally been kinder than in recent years, with no events cancelled (other than the event 'pencilled-in for February having not taken place and the March event abandoned because of cold/wet weather on the day!). We 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 great form of recycling. So why not come along and run a pitch yourself?

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 will once again be in operation until the beginning of October, after which we will take a break from Car Boot Sales until the Spring of 2019 - hopefully the first Saturday of either February or March - weather permitting. However, we are still working hard on your behalf, as you will see from the note below about the forthcoming second "Race Night" of the year (to be held on Friday 9th November 2018); and also the ever-popular "Christmas Bingo" scheduled for Friday, 30th November!

A big "thank you" from me goes to all Committee members for their efforts in supporting the School. 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. For the year 2017/2018, the PTA has made the following contributions –

- £50 towards a toilet seat for the boys sports hall changing rooms [*...a long story!*];
- £200 for Scalextric track for the lunchtime club;
- £300 for BBC Microbit computers for Key Stage 3;
- £700 for additional microphones and staging for the hugely successful 'Bugsy Malone' production;
- £1,500 for a School-branded Gazebo to provide protection from the weather for students/staff during outdoor events
- £1,000 (representing 50 per cent of the cost) of a 3-D printer.

The PTA also assisted the School's Duke of Edinburgh Award students by organising a 'sponsored bag-pack' event at the St. Clement Marks and Spencer supermarket in October 2017. [*A similar event – to raise funds towards the 3-D printer referred to above - is due to take place on Sunday, 7th October 2018*]. The 2017 event raised a magnificent £505 which will assist the group in purchasing much-needed equipment.

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'; donating prizes for our raffles throughout the year; joining 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 and the PTA's thanks goes to Samantha Ennis, our 100 Club Co-ordinator. 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*

2018/2019 100 Club - and you could win a prize of £50 at tonight's A.G.M, not to mention the possibility of £100 just before Christmas – see below!]

As referred to above, a Race Night is planned for Friday, 9th November 2018 at The Ambassadeur Hotel, St. Clement's Coast Road, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets for this 'meal in a basket' event – still priced at only £10 – are now on sale from the School office and at PTA events.

Additionally, our special 'Christmas Bingo' is set to take place on the last day of November. Doors will be open from 6.00 p.m. for a prompt start at 6.30 p.m. All are 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's no entrance charge, so 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!]***]

I urge you, 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 e-mail us at pta@lrs.sch.je. We look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Peter Monamy
October 2018

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 2018 - August 2019. 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 TO:
Mrs. Samantha Ennis, 41 Le Benefice, Le Marais, St. Clement JE2 6BF**