



Pencombe PTA

Registered Charity No: 1082355



Welcome to our 2025 AGM,

Another amazing year for Pencombe School PTA with thanks to our treasurer Deb who will go into finer details after my report.

Having raised over a staggering £6900 in the calendar year, our triumphs and successes can again be celebrated on many levels. The hard work, dedication and unwavering support of the PTA committee, along with those who give their time freely, is immeasurable. Giving so many wonderful treats and opportunities to the children that pass through the school is nothing but incredible.

At this point I feel it is important that we need to remember that the PTA is not just about fundraising, it is about being there when the school needs a hand, when equipment needs buying and however possible, supporting the learning growth of every child with the provision of valuable resources.

In brief some of our achievements:

We really need to start here first with the amazing fully funded trip to West Midlands Safari Park, a huge success and a wonderful reward for all of those brave souls who put themselves out of their comfort zones to support this school.

Once again, Pencombe showed their strength in attending the Mud Run at Eastnor Castle, with more children, parents and teachers running alongside each other than the previous year. This event not only raised a staggering amount of money, it brought us together as a stronger community. It was noted at the event that our school was admired and respected by other competitors.

When it comes to Christmas Pencombe School with our support, gives more than 100%. Once again, all children had their trip to the Pantomime in Tenbury Wells funded, which I am quite sure is the highlight for them every year, alongside the traditional Santa Drive By and the magical gifts that appear in the classrooms. Unforgettable memories for all the children.

Also, refreshments were donated at the church service, as well as a donation to the Church on behalf of the school alongside a donation to the Bromyard Lions.

Christmas wreathes were snapped up in the playground once again, an incredible donation every year from Lower Hope which was doubled in numbers from the year before and substantial profit was made, alongside the Christmas cards made by the children, we certainly got everyone in the festive spirit!

Discos with prizes, food and treats - I think we can all agree that watching the children have so much fun makes the effort worthwhile.

The Easter Egg Hunt was as successful as ever, drawing attention from outside of the school and into the wider community, the cakes donated by our families were superb. Fantastic fun was had by all.

Alongside these events, we have maintained the Wish list support to each classroom of £250 per year, with additional support for ASH and Forest School, providing much needed general use items for the children. Also, a one-off donation of £100 was given to support Miss Willis in her SEND role.



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Donations to reduce the cost of our school trips, of which there have been many, and provision of transportation has continued through the year along with support for the successful two weeks of swimming for children.

The amazing, colourful leavers' hoodies were provided as usual, giving a lasting memory to every child that has passed through Pencombe. Not to mention the leavers party, it was amazing, if a little tearful for some of us to witness, this time around.

Ice Lolly Wednesdays continue to be a huge success as the children run out of the classroom for their treat on hot sunny day. A better support structure from parents outside of the committee here is worth noting.

The PTA shed is finally in place (and gosh yes, that did take a while!!) The Arkwright Trust provided substantial funding, particular thanks to Debs and Karen for helping this become a reality, this is now in the playground. It is well organised and stocked ready for the next generation of PTA members to make full use of.

Lovely new picnic benches sit in pride of place in the playground, replacing those that had been there for many years and definitely had seen better days. The very smaller picnic benches were such a wonderful touch too.

Alongside the usual fundraisers we still have the all-important items that trickle away in the background, Roberts Recycling continues to provide a small income for us as well as EasyFundraising, Shop and Give and Asda Rewards Scheme. There are so many other items provided through the committee that may be small but make a difference here and there.

As we come to a close of this PTA year, I know fully that it is the end of an era in many ways. Both Karen Hodges and Deb Lord have given so very much over the years. I know that they will be truly missed, not just as a presence on the playground but for their unwavering support of our school. I am quite sure that they will miss being part of this wonderful committee and the school will miss them too, after all we really have had a lot of fun on the way....

Looking forward into the next PTA year, it is important to recognise that the baton needs to be passed on. I myself, as chair will also be stepping down so it is vitally important for new members to come forward.

We hope that the PTA will continue to thrive long after we have departed and support Pencombe School in the way it deserves.

With Kind Regards

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