

Chair Persons Report

Southrop School AGM Thursday 17th September 2020

Welcome all, to our annual general meeting. It is fair to say, that this is the first time we have ever held the AGM in this way – challenging times for us all.

For all the new parents with children starting their journey at Southrop, this is a small bit about who we are and what we do.

Every single parent of a child at this school is automatically a member of the PTA. In addition, we have an elected committee which is currently 13 parents and 1 teacher. Joining the PTA committee is an excellent way of meeting new people and working to enhance the school experience of your child by purchasing items/experiences such as providing numerous coaches to take the children to school trips or technology such as interactive whiteboards and ipads. We love having a good social; we organise these for the parents and wider community both to fundraise and to bring people together. We also provide opportunities for the children to come together such as the school disco and beetle drive. Lastly, we assist the school to hold their events and support the wider community, such as preparing the snacks, prepare the hall and clear away for the Leavers lunch, Christmas party and clear away the jumble for the Friendship Circle Jumble sale in February. Of course times are difficult now and after our new committee is elected, I am certain that they will work to overcome the difficulties to achieve these ends.

I have had the good fortune to work on the committee in one form or other for some years now and can honestly say that it has been such a pleasure for me to spend time with this awesome group of people. The events we have held, and I will use the tremendous Southrop and Eastleach Festival of Fine Ales as an example, show off the kind of excellence we have in Southrop PTA. This event came together because our committee are dedicated, hard working and talented but also believe in friendship and having a jolly good time!!

So I am completely confident that despite these strange times, the PTA will continue to be as brilliant at supporting the school as ever.