

## Chairman's Report 2023/2024

Another year has come and gone in the PTFA's calendar, and once again it has shown that the parents, the children, the staff and all the families and friends of St Mary's High School come out in force to support our events and activities.

This year with everyone's generosity we have raised a total of £3762.19

We also continue to spend the money you raise on things which will enhance every child's experience during their 5 years at this great school.

This year we have spent nearly £3000 on items such as new Hockey Equipment, Duke of Edinburgh Equipment, and a fantastic Art Display. We are also trying to do our bit with Recyclable Cups at School events.

I have been Chairman for a few years now, and it is and continues to be most enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to those reading this report to ask for new and existing parents to join us, and this year is no exception.

Being part of the PTFA requires no more than a few hours every now and again to serve teas and coffees during parent's evenings and events or attend a meeting occasionally to bring fresh ideas and new skills to the group. I have been on the PTFA for a few years and it's made a real difference to the pupils seeing the things that we have helped fund. So, if you are reading this and believe you can offer even the smallest amount of your time then please drop me an email. I would love to hear from you.

My personal thanks this year, as always go to those committed and enthusiastic parents and members of staff who are always on hand to ensure all our events and activities are a huge success.

Vikki Avery, a teacher at St Mary's who gives up so much of her personal time to support the PTFA and organise the logistics within the school.

Graham Snadden our secretary who looks after the contact details of all our volunteers, sets the agenda and takes minutes for our meetings as well as keeping us all on track.

Nigel Stewart our treasurer of many a year continues diligently to take care of our finances and balances the books.

Thank you also goes to anyone who has volunteered at some point over the last year or turned up to one of our meetings it really is much appreciated.

Final thanks go to everyone who has donated or attended one of our events, you have supported the school and helped continue to bring families together. Please think about giving a little bit of your time over the coming year to ensure the PTFA flourishes in this school.

Andrew Thomas, Chairman