

LE ROCQUIER SCHOOL PTA

Chairperson's Report for 2022/2023

At last, we've seen a 'normal' School Year, with all activities having returned to what they were before Covid-19 pandemic turned the world upside-down!

For the PTA, we've had our normal programme of first-Saturday-of-the-month Car Boot Sales (except that we now aim to start in April each year, and with only one event in the months of May, June and July). For your diaries, the dates of PTA Car Boot Sales throughout 2024 are as follows – April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th and October 5th. We've also reinstated our other regular fundraising efforts (Bingo – at Easter and Christmas - and Race Nights). Sadly, we no longer operate a 100 Club, which proved difficult to run as the School Year (September to August) covers parts of two Calendar Years.

Also of note, a Special General Meeting of the PTA was held on 1st March 2023, the purpose of which was to adopt a revised/modernised Constitution.

By way of assisting the School's good work, the PTA continues to offer funding for projects which might not otherwise secure money from the normal budgetary process. However, for the year to August 2023, PTA support for the School has not been requested, although September 2023 onwards has seen a number of requests.

Car Boot Sales have now ended for 2023 (with a gloriously sunny event held on 7th October). The next fund-raising event was to have been a **Race Night and D.J. evening at the Ambassadeur Hotel on Friday 10th November 2023**. Sadly, low ticket sales resulted in the postponement of this event until at least January/February 2024.

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

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. Sadly, Jenny has stood down from September 2023 after 8 years of service, and we wish her well in her new endeavours. We have continued to have the benefit of parents of current and former students, as well as a

number of members of the School's teaching staff, but new members are needed urgently to replace retiring long-standing members. On the subject of thanks, I must in particular and once again express my gratitude to long-standing Vice-Chairperson Stewart Elston for his 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. In this further year of 'normality', new members are needed and you are invited to join our happy band. The work is not onerous, involving at the most 2 Committee meetings a term. Please do help the PTA to help the School.

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; and by using the PTA's own C.I. Co-Operative Society share number (313660) – even if only occasionally.

**** By way of promotion of a forthcoming event in the new School Year 2023/2024, we look forward to seeing many of you at our popular 'Christmas Bingo', to be held at School on Friday 1st December 2023. ****

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

November 2023

P.S. 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.