

LE ROCQUIER SCHOOL PTA

Chairperson's Report 2023/2024

The PTA Committee organised a number of events during the year, from the **Christmas Bingo** held on 01 December 2023, the **Race Night** (deferred from October 2023) held on 08 March 2024, the **Easter Bingo** held on 22 March 2024 and the monthly **Car Boot Sales** from April to August 2024.

In addition, PTA members also had a presence at a number of events organised by the School, including the July **'Year 6 Settling-in'** evening for parents/guardians of students starting at Le Rocquier School in September 2024 [and also more recently in October, an **Open Evening** for those students interested in starting in September 2025].

At the behest of the School, the PTA assumed responsibility for a **'Uniform Shop'** at which 'pre-loved' items of School uniform could be purchased at reasonable cost – this was to be open mainly at Saturday morning Car Boot Sales and/or various events arranged by the School. As it transpired, the weather or manpower available on Car Boot Sale days was often less than ideal and the 'Uniform Shop' operated on fewer occasions than planned!

Le Rocquier School PTA **Car Boot Sales** have become a well-established community event, supported by many who come from all parts of the island to take part. What better way to dispose of all those items long-stored in garage, shed and/or loft than by bringing them to our (mainly) first-Saturday-of-the-month Car Boot sales: you never know, you might have for sale exactly those items which someone else would be pleased to own. The site opens at 7am for stallholders wishing to set-up, and then operates from 8.30am to 1pm – pitches are charged at £10. Keep a look out in the Jersey Evening Post, on Facebook and elsewhere for notices of each event.

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 behalf of the PTA. In particular, the Committee is indebted to our Secretary - Lisa Howkins – and to Acting Treasurer Jenny Richardson. [Although having stepped down from the role of Treasurer last year, Jenny kindly agreed to stay on in that role until a successor could be found]. Sadly, Lisa has now also had to step down and a new Secretary for the PTA is needed urgently. I also extend my gratitude to Vice-Chairperson Stewart Elston, without whose help and assistance our Car Boot Sales and Race Nights would just not happen!

The work of the PTA is all to the benefit of the students and the School and, although it could not be done without the PTA Committee, it also requires support from YOU, the parents and friends of Le Rocquier School. There is much parents/guardians of Le Rocquier School students can do to support the School and the PTA. For example, your PTA also has a **Share Account with the C.I. Co-Operative Society (No. 313660)**, and by using this number when shopping – even if only occasionally – this will be of benefit. Additionally, you can donate items of out-grown uniform to the 'Uniform Shop'; or please send in to School prizes for use in our raffles throughout the year.

**** By way of promotion for a forthcoming event in the new School Year 2024/2025, we look forward to seeing many of you at our popular 'Christmas Bingo' to be held at School on Friday 29 November 2024. ****

Thank you for your continued support of the School and the PTA. Please contact us through the School website (www.lerocquier.com) or email us at pta@lrs.sch.je. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

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