

New PTA Committee

As you are all aware it was the Oswald Road PTA Annual General Meeting on 5th October and during this meeting the new PTA Committee was voted in.

Mark Hobbs has stepped down as Chair, Sharon Robinson has stepped down as Secretary and Kay Silvey has stepped down as Treasurer. Both Mark and Sharon are about to embark on exciting new endeavours and won't have quite as much time to dedicate and Kay's son is transitioning to high school. The 2016/2017 PTA team have done an incredible job and we look forward to their continued contributions if their diaries permit! A huge thanks for their efforts in their respective roles.

The new committee is Gaynor Armstrong (centre left) as Chair, Rachel Cohen-Jackson (centre right) as Vice Chair, Lou Owen (right) as Treasurer and Jane Culverhouse (left) as Secretary.

Our next big fundraiser is the Winter Fair on Saturday 2nd December, featuring all the usual popular attractions such as Santa's Grotto, bouncy castle, face painting,



craft activities, handwriting analysis and lots and lots of fun stalls to provide the children with lots of opportunities to win some lovely festive prizes! Please be aware that this is an alcohol free event and all food served will be vegetarian (other than hot dogs for some of the children).

As ever we'll be sending out a request for volunteers to help us either set up on the Friday night before or to help in some way on the day so please watch out for that — even if you can only spare an hour it's very much appreciated. This event raises about a third of the PTA's income for the year so we need as much help as we can get!

At the end of the month we'll be sending home the Grand Raffle tickets in your children's book bags and, as ever, we really appreciate the support you give by buying them – we have some lovely prizes this year too!

There are lots of different ways to support your Parent Teacher Association and the team and I will send out a list in due course to give some examples.

Gaynor Armstrong PTA Chair