



St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School PTFA Annual Report for the AGM 24th March 2021

Thank you for joining us this evening!

It has been an unbelievable year. For some it has been truly dreadful, for others not so bad, but for all, the Coronavirus pandemic has given us a year of anxiety, challenge, stress and uncertainty. A year of cancellations and postponements and yet despite all this, the community of St Mary's Hampton Primary School have pulled together and still managed to run a number of virtual and socially distanced events and activities.

An astounding sum of **£5,429.00** has been raised to help with the PTFA's objectives which are to advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority), to foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents, pupils, governors, and others associated with the school; and engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

Full details of the funds raised can be found on Liz's Treasurer's Report. I would just like to give a little more detail of the activities and give a shout out to the organisers:

PTFA Fundraising Activities

- **Bag2School Clothes Collection** – we collected 380kgs with minimal effort. The next collection will be on 6th May 2021.
- **Secret Mother's Day** was postponed and then facilitated by school with the help of teachers and teaching staff. The children enjoyed taking their decorate plant pots home and a nice sum of money was raised in the process thanks to year 1 volunteers
- **Second Hand Uniform Sales** – are now owned by Sophie Fenwick and Vicki Botterill who have done a great job and raised a lovely profit in the process.
- **Easyfundraising** – we have gained an additional 2 supporters this year with a total of 80 supporters signed up to raise money whilst shopping online using this support organisation. More work is needed to get parents and grandparents signing up and using this fundraising organisation. It's such an easy way to raise money and just takes a few minutes' education to get people using it.
- **School Lottery** – has been very worthwhile but could be far better. We currently have just 31 supporters who buy 48 tickets and the weekly prize fund is down from £16.50 to £13.80 a week. As the supporters go up so does the prize amount and of course the donation to the PTFA. Since last year's AGM we raised nearly £1200. Imagine what that figure would be if we got even half the parents and a few grandparents playing? We might even win the £25k national lottery?!

- **Christmas Fundraising** – despite the challenges we faced, a massive effort was made during November and December to cling on to some Festive spirit:
 - Ruth McCann organised the children’s **Christmas Card** designs again with the children creating their designs at home – lovely cards, thank you Ruth!
 - Year 1 Class Reps put together the brilliant **Design a Christmas Jumper Competition** – the children had lots of fun and this is a definite template for future activities.
 - Sharon Tattam ran the **Xmas Tree Sale** for the 4th year and made a whopping sum. Numbers were up with people staying home and socially distancing. The quality was excellent again and we’re hoping that we’ll have an even bigger take up next year.
 - The PTFA Committee (including Terri Goodwin at the helm) ran a hugely successful **Christmas Raffle**. There were some brilliant prizes, lots of tickets were sold and a big thank you must go to our fantastic sponsors, Birdie Bikes, FDD International (thanks to year 4 and 6 dad Daniel Clark) and Tredinnick & Bower.
 - Sadly, we couldn’t find a way to make the popular **Wreath Making Night, Christmas Shopping Night** or **Secret Santa** work, but we hope to be able to run all of these events this Christmas.
- Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our annual **Family Fun Day, Spring or Autumn Fairs** this year. **Ice Cream, Lolly and Cake Sales** have also been put on hold. We are hoping to resume these activities next school year.

The money raised by the PTFA over the last year has been used to fund the following:

Donations to School

- Levelling and reseeded of the School Playing Field (which is a huge improvement)
- Christmas Pantomime (virtual)
- £1,000 2020 Year 6 Leavers’ Donation (agreed due to them not being able to fundraise themselves)
- PTFA Storage / Drop box for donations to be left in a secure, dry place
- We have also agreed to fund Christmas Presents for all classes to be spent as follows:
 - London Class Reception – Greenhouse, Speaker, Board Games, Dolls and Prams
 - Cairo Class Year 1 – Craft Supplies/Activities, Reading Books, Board Games and Puzzles
 - Paris Class Year 2 – Resource Boards, Comprehension Cubes, Maths Games & Puzzles
 - Quito Class Year 3 – Jigsaw, Hot Wheels Track Set, Games and Visualiser for Teaching
 - Rome Class Year 4 – Resources for Maya, Roman & Ancient Greek Topics, Bean Bag for Reading Corner, 30 x Dictionaries and Place Counters
 - Copenhagen Class Year 5 – Reading Books, Dutch Skipping Ropes, Board Games, Punctuation Cards
 - Havana Class Year 6 – Set of Oxford Electronic Spell Checkers, Games, Skipping Ropes and an Outdoor Chess Set

NB. There is a balance as per the Treasurer’s Report. A sum of £2,000 has been put aside for a school allotment and quiet garden which Mrs Calvert agreed to lead in Spring 2020 and we are hoping will happen in 2021? We have agreed to donate £1,000 for the current year 6 Leavers due to social distancing and their lack of fundraising opportunities. £700 has been agreed for Easter Classroom gifts to fund mental health resources with a further £300 donation for ELSA resources. There is talk about funding a trim trail for the school playground which may require further fundraising and will be taken to the committee for discussion.

2021 PTFA Committee

The committee currently consists of a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. There are also committee members, made up from parent members, a teacher representative and we have a vacancy for a Vice-Chair and a Friend of the PTFA.

Current PTFA Committee members are:

Sarah Taylor-Murrell - Chair

Liz Weiss – Treasurer

Victoria Hale – Secretary

As announced at the AGM in early 2020, I am looking to stand down as Chair. Having been in this position now for 6 years, it is time for me to concentrate on our family's impending move to secondary school and hopefully resurrecting my events' business. This leaves the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the PTFA available.

We are very much hoping that volunteers come forward at the AGM for these positions, to allow events to continue.

2021 PTFA Planning

If we have a full committee, we propose that monthly PTFA evening meetings lasting no more than 90 minutes are continued. Appointed PTFA members will meet to plan events during the year, come up with ideas and delegate duties where appropriate.

Currently, Happy's Circus is in the diary on Wednesday, 29th September 2021, postponed from last year. Hannah Mitchell and I have agreed to run this (with lots of help).

Bag2School are back on 6th May 2021.

There has been a lot of talk of reinstating adult events such as the Quiz and Movie Nights which are both extremely popular events for other local schools – no events are in place yet.

There has also been talk of organising activities for Father's Day, an end of year Family Fun Day and Christmas Shopping Evening. Volunteers are needed to organise these events when bans are lifted.

More work is needed to recruit parents, carers, grandparents and friends to sign up to Easyfundraising, Your School Lottery and Amazon Smile – all of these fundraising platforms raise very good amounts of money with minimal time commitment from the PTFA committee and no cost to the supporter.

Communication

Classlist has been successfully set up and rolled out and has made life much easier for the PTFA team to communicate with parents. The developers have taken feedback onboard and vastly improved the usability recently. We have a good number of parents signed up but we need to investigate whether it is being used effectively as it seems many parents are still missing communications.

There is a full Treasurer's Report to accompany this report.

Being part of the PTFA can be very rewarding, lots of fun and a great way to make new friends whilst doing something remarkable for your children's school. I hope that this year the PTFA will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have previously achieved.

I wish everyone a very successful rest of 2021, with some sense of 'normality' resuming and a new Chair and Vice at the helm to support our brilliant Secretary Victoria and Treasurer Liz!



Sarah Taylor-Murrell

Current St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School PTFA Chair