

Plaxtol School Association
Chair Report- Jenny Johnson
AGM : 2021 – 2022

Meeting date: 24th April 2023

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has supported, in any way, the events we have run and other fundraising initiatives that enabled us to raise an amazing £14,616.91 in the academic year 2021-22.

For a small village school, that is an impressive amount and makes a huge difference to the school and, most importantly, its pupils.

Not only is it an impressive amount, but it is also heart warming that so many people have been involved in attending the events and we are hugely grateful to the wider community – especially the village – for supporting the school in this way.

As a charity we carefully look at the amounts approved for spending to ensure that it “enhances the educational opportunities for the pupils”; but it is also really important to us that the way the money is raised is fun, inclusive and community based and that we give the community an opportunity to come together particularly after Covid lockdowns.

I'd also like to particularly thank those who have given up time to run the events and make them so special for those attending. Events can be a lot of work and it is much appreciated. It is also important that the PSA Committee are mentioned in this report. They work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, through out the year raising money and approving the spending to support the school. Merran, Emma, Helen, Vic and Angela have made an immeasurable impact on the opportunities for the pupils and deserve a mention.

The fundraising events and initiatives have been varied and interesting this year. The Hallow'een trail followed by fireworks and Christmas activities made for a very busy Term 1 and 2! Cake sales, run by each class, have been enjoyed by all the pupils, as was the Easter Egg Hunt and Jubilee events.

The wildflower seeds made an impressive amount for the 2nd year running and much fun was had at the popcorn nights and discos.

The Plaxtol Maps was a new initiative and was well supported by the school and village, even being sold from the shop and pub – a thank you to both Bal and Graham for facilitating this.

Donations from bigger companies made up a significant proportion of the fundraising and we are grateful to those involved in the successful applications for the money.

The amazing list of PSA 'Contributions to the school' shows just how important the fundraising is. From the individual purchases of resources through to the bigger contributions, such as the wooden shelter and benches, it is clear how these enhance the pupil's school experience on a daily basis.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to the school staff, and particularly Mrs Rowley, for supporting the events and the PSA and for working so collaboratively with us. Not all schools and parents have such a good relationship and it is much appreciated.