

PSA Chair's Report prepared for AGM 26th April 2022
Referring to annual activities during school year 2020-2021

After the bizarre and disjointed year of 2019-20 we were hoping that this year would prove more cohesive. For future readers (for context), all students returned to school in September 2020 but there were many restrictions about bubbles and socialising in place, seeing further lockdowns and restrictions in 2021. This hugely affected our ability to host events and fundraise.

However, it is impressive, that despite the boundaries imposed, we were still able to hold fundraising events to raise £ 9,065.97 - a much needed sum to support the school.

It was heartwarming and rewarding that so many people; parents, carers, teachers, extended family and the village and wider community were so keen to support our fundraising and we thank you all for your encouragement and support. The donations received for prizes that went in to our raffle / auction are hugely appreciated – especially in the context of this year where our local small businesses must have been particularly affected.

We hope that the events, whilst primarily aiming to raise money, also gave opportunities for the community to have some fun, come together (as much as we were allowed) and to give the pupils the opportunity to do something 'different' each time, whilst we tried to be creative within the imposed national rules.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the fireworks event, but created a fun Halloween Trail and Pumpkin carving competition instead which was followed by a successful and well supported 'Virtual Christmas Fair', hosting a number of local businesses and multiple online organised events. Farmer Christmas visited the children in the village pulled by a tractor – a magical event for those involved.

2021 saw some smaller events with after school cake & doughnut sales, Easter Egg kit sales, clothing collections, the ever popular Jam Jar stall and a new initiative whereby the school House teams competed to sell the most wildflower seeds. This was very well supported and raised over a £1000!

This was a tricky year for the school to manage and the PSA was fortunate to be able to continue to support the school and the requests for funding. We commissioned a large playground wooden house / shelter which was well received by the students. At the same time new seating was donated by the PSA for the Rabbit Class area to allow them to all eat together outdoors. We funded stationery and craft items, reading and spelling support materials, skipping ropes, a Yoga day to support well-being, ICT subscriptions and materials and gifts for the leavers.

Ultimately, the aim of the PSA is to enhance the learning experiences and opportunities for all pupils and to this end, we have had a successful year.

The PSA would like to especially thank the school staff, all of whom have supported our children through some of the most 'extraordinary' times in education they will experience. Their hard work, dedication and care is hugely appreciated and we thank Mrs Rowley for leading us through this and being so supportive of the PSA.

Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to make all the above possible. We look forward to a more 'normal' year and opportunities to fundraise and have some fun together!