

PSA Treasurer's Report prepared for AGM held on 26th April 2022

Referring to school year 2020-2021

The PSA raises money through three principal means:

- Organising events for school children, their families and the local community.
- Applying for grants from corporates and trusts.
- Donations from individuals.

Summary of how the PSA raised money in 2020-2021

Events

Our ability to hold major fund-raisers was again somewhat hampered this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Significantly, we were not able to hold the annual Fireworks Night event, and we also could not hold in-person Christmas or Summer Fairs. These events are always huge fund-raisers for us.

Nonetheless, we still raised **£12,176** in the school year 2020-2021, which is an incredible achievement, especially given the size of our school. Significant events we were able to hold are itemised in the table below.

Comparison of main fundraising events over last 3 years:

	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019
Fireworks	-	£2,723	£3,691
Christmas Fair, auction, raffle etc (held virtually in 2020)	£4,190	£4,800	£5,534
(Virtual) Summer Fair ¹	£1,801	£3,865	£2,047
After school cake / donut sales	£317	£238	£367
Popcorn Nights	-	£212	£440
Christmas card sales	£122	£94	£161
Wildflower seeds	£1,028	-	-
Temper Temper Easter egg kits	£358		
Rag Bags	£300		
Halloween Trail	£279	-	-
Virtual pumpkin carving contest	£231	-	-
Christmas wreath-making	£240	-	-
Colour Run	-	-	£2,603
Total raised from all events / fundraisers²	£9,066	£11,979	£17,401
Pool / Summer Swim Club ³	-	£0.37	£1,588
TOTAL INCOME⁴	£12,176	£15,102.98	£31,561.28

¹ Income from the Virtual Summer Fair 2020 includes £585.10 of Gift Aid. Income from the Virtual Summer Fair 2021 includes £1,000 Barclays Matched Funding

² Includes some fund-raising events not itemised in this table.

³ This is the swimming pool income surplus, including Gift Aid, after the costs of the swimming pool are taken into account. The decision was taken to keep the pool shut during the summers of 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic.

⁴ This includes all sources of income: fund-raising events, grants, Amazon Smile, individual donations etc

New events for 2020/21

We had to be creative with our events this year, given the limitations on holding in-person gatherings. The following were notable great additions:

Wildflower seeds: a massive new event this year in terms of money raised was Helen Chesterton's brilliant idea of selling packets of wildflower seeds. Personalised packets with each child's name on were sent home with the children and could be purchased by families for £1 per pack. Any unsold packs were returned to school and subsequently sold in the village shop. Helen kindly donated her time and expenses, meaning the idea raised a whopping **£1,028** for school.

Temper Temper Easter Eggs Kits: Merran Hilton had the brilliant idea of selling these kits from a local chocolate maker through school. We were able to keep £5 per kit, which netted us **£358**.

Rag Bags: Jenny Johnson arranged a second-hand clothing collection point at school. Rag Bags gave us an amount per kg of fabric collected. This was very successful, as so many people were having clear-outs during the pandemic, and we raised **£300**.

Grant applications / corporate cash

Louise Stiff once again did amazing work applying for grants this year and secured £1,000 from Tesco for us, and £478 from Aviva.

Matched funding from Barclays

Our virtual summer fair attracted matched funding from Barclays of £1,000. This was kindly arranged by Helen and Richard Rust.

Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

We continue to receive a significant regular amount of cash from people doing their online shopping via the Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile sites:

- Easyfundraising: £295
- Amazon Smile: £160

Swimming Pool

The PSA usually asks for donations from parents at the start of the summer term to go towards the costs of running the swimming pool, and lessons. Due to the pandemic, and the significant amount of maintenance work that would be required to get the pool up-and-running, the decision was taken to keep the pool closed during summer 2021. Consequently, the pool did not raise any income for us this year.

Each year the PSA ring-fences £5,000 of our funds for a pool emergency fund, in case of urgent unforeseen repairs. In 20/21 this contingency money was not touched.

Contributions to Plaxtol Primary School in 2020/21

The PSA contributes money it raises to school. The total amount of money contributed to school over the past 3 years is as follows:

2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019
£7,530	£24,774	£21,390

In each of the previous 2 school years we made a major investment in school – in 19/20 this was for 41 new laptops and in 18/19 this was for new iPads. This year we funded the playground shelter and picnic table for the Rabbit Class area, which totalled £2,500. This was the largest one-off item we funded this year.

A full breakdown of what the money we donated to school in 20/21 was spent on by school is provided at Note 4 to the official PSA accounts. As can be seen from that note, the donations we make to school are often to cover items which are essential to the running of the school (e.g. stationery, reading resources), but for which the school does not have sufficient budget. This really reinforces how important the PSA's fund-raising activities are to our school community.

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