

PSA Treasurer's Report prepared for AGM held on 31st March 2021

Referring to school year 2019-2020

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 2019-2020

Events

Our ability to hold major fund-raisers was hampered this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Before pandemic measures were introduced, we had already held our annual Fireworks Night and Christmas Fair, one Popcorn Night and several after-school cake sales – including a pancake sale on Pancake Day.

We had planned to hold another Colour Run in spring 2020, and the annual Summer Fair, both of which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We would likely also have held several other after-school cake sales and Popcorn Nights. Our total income figure was significantly down on previous years, due to the missing events.

We were however able to hold a Virtual Summer Fair, with families organising events at home, such as a virtual dog show, to which people donated money via Just Giving. As we were able to claim Gift Aid on much of this income, it actually raised more than the physical summer fair usually does!

Comparison of main fundraising events over last 3 years:

	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Fireworks	£2,723.30	£3691.38	£2,656.94
Christmas Fair	£4,800.29	£5534.07	£4,574.32
(Virtual) Summer Fair ¹	£3,865.45	£2047.24	£3,282.35
After school cake sales	£237.95	£366.63	£357.45
Popcorn Nights	£211.50	£439.50	-
Christmas card sales	£94.00	£160.50	£48.90
Halloween Disco	-	-	£415.00
Colour Run	-	£2,603.28	-
Total raised from all events / fundraisers	£11,978.69²	£17,401.29	£12,463.44
Pool / Summer Swim Club ^{3 4}	£0.37	£1,587.71	£2,120.75
TOTAL INCOME	£15,102.98	£31,561.28	£20,589.30

¹ Income from the Virtual Summer Fair 2020 includes £585.10 of Gift Aid.

² Also includes £46.20 of second-hand uniform and tea towel sales.

³ This is the swimming pool income surplus, including Gift Aid, after the costs of the swimming pool are taken into account.

⁴ The decision was taken to keep the pool shut during summer 2020, due to the pandemic.

New events for 2019/20

No new events were organised this year, due to the pandemic.

Grant applications / corporate cash

Louise Stiff once again did amazing work applying for grants this year and secured £750 from Aviva for environmental projects and £158.21 also from Aviva, for science funding.

Jenny Johnson introduced us to Paul Woodcock in the school year 18/19, who is an agent who puts charities in touch with trusts which offer grants, and through this contact we raised £1764.67 in 2019/20.

Matched funding from Barclays

None of the events we organised was eligible for Barclays matched funding in 2019/20.

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: £235.74
- Amazon Smile: £86.55

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 fact that a significant number of pupils were still required to home-school during the summer term, the decision was taken to keep the pool closed during summer 2020. 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 19/20 this contingency money was not touched.

Contributions to Plaxtol Primary School in 2018/19

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

2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
£24,773.52	£21,390.22	£18,645.05

A significant spend this year was £16,648.21 on 41 new Dell laptops (and associated costs such as a Wi-Fi upgrade) for pupils' use.

As can be seen in the table below, the donations we make to school are often to cover items which are essential to the running of the school (e.g. roof repairs, TV Licence, staff training courses, phonics resources), but for which the school does not have sufficient budget. The following table gives a flavour of the sort of items we funded in 2019/20, some of which are high-value (laptops, roof repairs), some of which have been essential this year when children were being home-schooled (Tapestry subscription) and some of which are purely for the enjoyment of the children (Young Voices entry fee, Christmas panto).

41 New Dell laptops	£13,601.99
Costs associated with laptops, including software and Wi-Fi upgrade	£3,046.22
Roof Repairs Class 1 & 2 (Artisan Lead & Hard Metals)	£1,138.00
Theatre experiences including Aesop's Theatre, Deliveroos panto plus Diwali and Chinese New Year Workshops	£739.67
Tapestry subscriptions	£287.33
Other home-learning resources	£80.00
White Rose Maths-Resources	£99.00
First News-renewal "Newspapers for Kids"	£106.00
Laburnum House atlases	£244.68
Ukulele lessons £150, Young Voices 2021 £100 & other music resources £120	£370.00
Phonics resources	£466.80
School facilities and equipment, including stationery	£232.25
Training courses - Ofsted	£300.00
Relationship and Sex Education workshops	£600.00
TV licence	£154.50

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