

PSA Treasurer's Report prepared for AGM held on 10th March 2020 Referring to annual activities during school year 2018-2019

The PSA raises money through three principle means:

- Organising events for school children and their families
- Applying for grants from corporates and trusts
- Donations from individuals

Summary of how the PSA raised money in 2018-2019¹

We held the usual annual events, which are huge fundraisers for us: **Fireworks, Christmas Fair** and the **Summer Fair**. We also held / assisted with some new events: **Colour Run, Humorous Concert (shared with Friends of Plaxtol Church), 2 Popcorn Nights**.

We raised a significant amount of money this year via grant applications (further details below) and matched funding. Although our total income from events was slightly down on last year, the money we successfully applied for in this way more than compensated for this.

Our total income figure was **£31,561.28** – over £10,000 more than the previous year.

Comparison of main fundraising events over last 4 years:

Event	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
Fireworks	£3691.38	£2,656.94	£2,687.68	£2,423.00
Christmas Fair	£5534.07	£4,574.32	£4,200.20	£2,892.31
Summer Fair	£2047.24	£3,282.35	£2,092.84	£2,766.25
Halloween Disco	-	£415.00	£486.89	£362.57
Colour Run	£2603.28 ²	-	-	-
Share of Humorous Night proceeds	£1566.00			
Pamper Night	-	-	£1,420.00	£1,116.50
Walk/Superhero Stomp	-	£1,261.43	£1,905.50	£691.00
Royal Wedding/Plaxtol Vision/ Royal Rave	-	£1,126.88	£2,487.44	£1,654.44
Pool/summer club	£1587.71 ³	£2,120.75	£1,125.41	£1,946.25
TOTAL raised from all events⁴	£17,401.29	£20,049.17	£16,405.96	£13,852.32
TOTAL all fundraising⁵	£31,561.28	£22,589.30⁶	£18,277.37	£22,135.09⁷

¹ A full list of sources of income is included in the Income & Expenditure Accounts (the "Accounts").

² Including entrance fees, sponsorship and Gift Aid

³ Net of costs and including Gift Aid

⁴ Including smaller events which are not itemised here, such as: Popcorn Nights, Christmas cards, cake sales, second hand uniform etc. A full list is provided at Note 1 to the Accounts.

⁵ Includes money received from grants, corporate and individual donations

⁶ Includes £2000 fund matching paid directly to school

⁷ including over £6000 in parent donations

New events for 2018/19

The Colour Run – organised by Sian Rickard and Helen Rust – was held for the first time in April 2019. This event raised **£2603.28** through entrance fees, sponsorship and Gift Aid on the sponsorship money. This was a hugely successful event, and the plan is to repeat it in 2020.

Grant applications / corporate cash

Louise Stiff did amazing work applying for grants this year and secured **£2000** from Tesco towards stationery. Anisa Gress arranged for us to participate in the Co-Op Loyalty Card scheme and we raised an impressive **£2840.89** from this scheme in 18/19, to be put towards a playground shelter.

Jenny Johnson introduced us to Paul Woodcock, an agent who puts charities in touch with trusts which offer grants, and through this contact we raised **£2235.75**.

Matched funding from Barclays

We received **£2000** in matched funding from Barclays for the Summer Fair and the Colour Run. Thank you to Louise and Duncan Stiff, and Helen and Richard Rust, for arranging this for us.

Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

We continue to receive a significant amount of cash from people doing their online shopping via the Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile sites. Easyfundraising has been particularly successful for us and brought in **£521.02** in 18/19. Amazon is lagging behind on only **£42.52**, so continuing to highlight this option to parents would likely prove lucrative, given it is a free and easy source of income.

Other Donations

In 2018/19 the PSA was very lucky to receive **£2010.74** in donations from individuals, including some parents, and parishioners of Plaxtol. We are very grateful to all our donors.

Swimming Pool

The PSA asks for donations from parents at the start of the summer term to go towards the costs of running the swimming pool, and lessons (which are now given by staff, who attended a training course paid for by the PSA). In 2018/19 we raised **£2821.32** from parents and the Summer Pool Club (including Gift Aid on donations).

This year the costs for running the pool (including chemicals, insurance and WC hire for the Summer Swim Club) came to £1233.61, meaning that the school's swimming pool added a total of **£1587.71** to PSA funds, so remains a clearly profitable facility.

Each year the PSA ring-fences £5k of our funds for a pool emergency fund, in case of urgent unforeseen repairs. In 18/19 this contingency money was not touched.

Contributions to Plaxtol School in 2018/19

The PSA contributes money it raises to school. The total amount of money contributed to school during the year 2018/19 was **£21,390.22**.

As you can see from the table below, this is often to cover items which are essential to the running of the school (eg TV Licence, staff training courses), but for which the school does not have the

budget. The following table gives a flavour⁸ of the sort of items we are funding, some of which are high-value (Smart Boards) and some of which are we understand well-used and appreciated by families (Times Tables Rockstars, the Christmas panto).

Contribution towards?	£
4 x smartboards	5,350.00
Class 3 acoustic improvements	1,150
Various school stationery	1853.68
Rising Stars French course	263.50
Times Tables Rock Stars subscription and other maths resources	353.66
Staff training courses incl SATs and Power Maths	1565.00
Panto donation	38.05
Lap boards	150.80
Ukulele lessons, music resources and Young Voices fee	394.27
New climbing frame for playground	4752.00 ⁹
TV Licence	150.50
Whole school RE curriculum pack	150.00
Laptop trolley	949.00

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⁸ A full list of contributions made is included at Note 3 to the Accounts.

⁹ The funds for the new climbing equipment were raised thanks to the efforts of Louise Stiff, Caroline Scheuermann and Anisa Ferguson, in the school year 2017-2018, through grant applications and corporate fundraising schemes. The PSA paid the balance for the climbing frame this school year, out of those grants and PSA general funds.