

Welcome everybody and thank you for being present at our very first PTA Zoom meeting.

This year has been very different to previous years- we have not been able to hold many of our events that would ordinarily provide great times for our school community and much needed funds for our PTA.

Even though we are a small PTA, all of our members always give 100% into our fundraising, especially those who have thought outside the box and found ways to raise funds even when our usual events cannot take place. Our fundraising started in our usual way with the calendars, Christmas cards and the autumn term cinema night. We held our Welcome Event for our EYFS families in October, which while not profitable, was a great way for our new families to be introduced into the school community. As Christmas came around we held our annual Christmas Disco, as well as selling personalised plates and reindeer hot chocolate at the Christmas plays. This year we helped to fund an in-house Panto, which went down well with the children. Unfortunately, as COVID hit, we had to cancel some of our most popular events such as the Easter Bingo and the Summer BBQ, as well as our new Camping Event.

At the last count we had raised just short of £2500 with our fundraising efforts and this does not include the efforts of the lockdown fundraising.

Even though our fundraising year was cut short, we were still able to pledge £2000 to the school towards new books.

There is a lot of work that goes on by our PTA, and I would like to thank all of you for the time and effort that you have put in over the last year. Thank you to Karen for her work this year as Treasurer, and Lisa for her work as Secretary. I would also like to thank the teachers, without whose time and effort a lot of our fundraising events would not be possible, with a special thanks to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kane for your time and commitment to our meetings and the organisation of our events. My thanks are extended to the school staff for all they do to support the PTA.

Final thanks go to the families in our school for supporting our fundraising efforts. We are very lucky to have such a great community and this year we will have to take a new approach to increasing the PTA's presence and visibility to allow for current restrictions. I am conscious that some of our key members will be leaving us in the summer and will be sorely missed. This year it would be good to recruit new members to ensure we have enough hands-on deck!

I have enjoyed this strange year as chair, and I look forward to moving forward with new ideas in the upcoming year!

Thank you all once more,

Claire