

# St Matthew's PTA

## Treasurer's Report 2020-21

This report covers the PTA's academic and financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

During this period, there were two strands to the PTA's finances. One is the donations made to the Fund St Matthew's (formerly Funding Shortfall) campaign, which are passed directly to the school. The other is the PTA's other activities.

### Fund St Matthew's

Donations totalled £23,169. The total donated since the campaign was started was £76,329 as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Donations are passed regularly to the school; £50,963 was passed to the school this year (this includes some funds donated in the previous year). Money in the PTA's bank account belonging to this campaign at the end of the academic year, to be passed to the school in the next accounting period, was £2,001.

The campaign surpassed its original £60,000 target (the size of the 2019 funding cut) in December 2020. It has continued to handle donations from parents who want to help improve the facilities offered by the school and we intend these donations to enable some significant projects at the school in 2021-22.

### PTA Activities

Fundraising activities raised net receipts (i.e. after deducting costs) of £3,672.

The main activities were:

- two dress-up days raising £1,624 for the PTA (a third dress-up day raised £725 directly for Cambridge Sustainable Food)
- Christmas cards raising £1,306
- Bags2School clothing collections raising £761.

Other PTA income came from £70 in direct donations to the PTA and £193 referral fees from parents using our Giving Machine and Amazon Smile links for their online shopping.

Some other activities did not have a goal of raising funds, such as the photography competition and 'Round the World with Banana Woman' (costing £293 between them), organising year 6 hoodies (almost entirely funded by parents), and the innovative Summer Bag of Fun (raised £292, but not all expenses have been claimed).

Fewer grants to the school were made than in previous years. This was due to a combination of financial prudence due to an awareness that the PTA could not run the events such as Fairs and discos which usually generate most of its funds, and fewer than usual requests from the school (probably due to the same perception). Grants included:

- £640 on three workshops requested by class teachers to tie in with teaching topics: a seaside day for year 2 (seaside day) and drama and Tudor days for year 4.

- £383 on Christmas decorations for the classrooms and small Christmas gifts for all staff
- £175 on the online panto.

In total, grants for school activities and equipment totalled £1,416. In addition, up to £1000 has been agreed for sports kit and equipment, but not yet claimed so is not included in the totals.

Overall, the PTA's bank balance (excluding Fund St Matthew's money) finished the year at £19,619, which is an increase of £2,621 over the start of the year.

The PTA committee identified towards the end of the year that it had funds available to spend, despite approving all funding requests from teachers. Committee members worked with Mr Davies to identify projects that could benefit from PTA funding. The shortlist for short- to medium-term projects includes remodelling the library, additional Chromebooks, and a Year 2 outdoor learning area. The PTA is waiting for costings from the school for these items. In the mean time teachers are encouraged to submit funding requests for anything that would benefit their classes or the school in general.

I am happy to conclude that the PTA's finances are in a healthy state, and that the PTA should be in a position to continue to fund projects in 2021-22 even if it proves to be another difficult year for fundraising.

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PTA Treasurer and helping hand

11<sup>th</sup> October 2021