

St Matthew's PTA



Treasurer's Report 2021-22

This report covers the PTA's academic and financial year ending 31st August 2022.

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

1. Fund St Matthew's

Donations totalled £41,722 in the period covered by this report. The total donated since the campaign was started was £118,051 as of 31st August 2022. Donations are passed regularly to the school. Money in the PTA's bank account assigned to the Fund St Matthew's campaign at the end of the academic year was £1,176.

Fund St Matthew's donations are granted to the school to use as it sees fit, however we agreed with the school that donations beyond the original £60,000 target (the size of the 2019 funding cut) will be spent on projects that will benefit the school for years to come but which are difficult to fund from the school's core budget.

In this period, the school used Fund St Matthew's money to fund a set of Chromebooks (£5,549) and the Year 2 outdoor learning area (£3,330). The remaining funds are with the school and are expected to be used for projects including library move/enhancements, a covered outdoor eating area, a roof terrace learning space and playground 'greening'/improvements, unless the school's funding situation and energy costs force it to use the funds to fill core funding gaps.

Full information about the amounts raised and the projects we are discussing with the school are published at fundstmatthews.com for transparency.

Matched funding scheme

The totals above include £10,000 from a parent donor that was offered as a 'matching fund' to encourage additional donations from other parents. The matching scheme started in November 2021. Additional donations (measured as the amount by which monthly donations exceeded the typical monthly amount before the matching campaign started) reached £10,000 in April 2022, so this matching fund was fully used. From the data we have, it seems the additional donations were mostly large one-off donations by a small number of other parents.

2. PTA Activities

Income

Fundraising activities raised net receipts (i.e. after deducting costs) of £6,323.

The main activities were:

- the Summer Fair raising £4,165
- Christmas cards raising £1,145
- a spooky dress-up day raising £816
- Bag2School clothing collections raising £380.

Other PTA income came from £336 in direct donations to the PTA and £248 referral fees from parents using our Giving Machine and Amazon Smile links for their online shopping.

Expenditure

We had many more requests for funding from teachers than in previous years, presumably due to a combination of activities opening up post-pandemic, and increased awareness of our online funding request form. We were able to fund all requests made.

In total, grants for school activities and equipment totalled £10,692, plus £1,175 for excursions/activities.

Some of the larger grants were:

- £3112 on a set of new picnic benches for the playground. These were a much campaigned-for request by the pupils, which the PTA was delighted to fund
- £2247 on new resources for the year 1-6 maths cupboard
- £680 on watercolour paints for each class
- £567 on renovating part of the Reception/Nursery playground
- £420 on a set of glockenspiels for the music department.

Current position

Overall, the PTA's assets (excluding Fund St Matthew's money) finished the year at £14,660, a decrease of £4,958.73 over the start of the year. This reflects us spending some of the reserves that had built up due to lack of requests for funding in previous years.

I am happy to conclude that the PTA's finances are in a healthy state, and that the PTA is in a position to continue to fulfil funding requests..

Seb Wills

PTA Treasurer

10th October 2022