



**Clare House PTA**  
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**Chair's Report 2021-2022**

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Welcome and many thanks to you all for attending this evening.

We have completed our final year as Co-Chairs of the PTA for the year 2021/2022 and it has been another successful year working with this fantastic committee. Despite Covid restrictions, we continued to successfully raise funds for the school and provided support to our school community. We saw the return of our popular Christmas and Summer Fairs, our biggest annual fundraisers, along with 'Ping Pong' nights, adult socials, and the annual Pantomime. We did all of this successfully as a team.

The children really enjoyed being able to attend some in-person events this year. Who will ever forget 'The Snowball Fight' at the Christmas Fair and our very own BYMT Musical Performance at the Summer Fair? These memories will stay with us.

The PTA was creative as we continued to organise events with some activities looking very different to previous years. We successfully ran our Easter and Halloween events during the school day, proving to be very successful and providing lots of fun for the children. This demonstrated to us that some of the best events are sometimes some of the most simple. This approach helped us to manage our costs tightly, allowing us to fund the School's funding requests.

One personal highlight was being able to finish the year with the Summer Fair at the school, and to see all the excitement and joy in the children's faces, being back in the playground with their friends, enjoying our games and festive activities.

Bags2School, Easyfundraising and the Christmas Art Project continued to be popular. The Clare House 100 Club and Facebook membership also continued to grow.

We are pleased to announce that through the combination of all the various streams of revenue the PTA has been able to raise an amazing total profit of £28,500 after expenses. We are very proud of this achievement, which builds on last year's effort.

The PTA has funded specialist music lessons benefiting all the children, swimming lessons, a defibrillator and E-Safety training. As always, the PTA look forward to responding to future funding requests from Mrs Holland.

Looking ahead, we're pleased that the PTA has new members joining and they are already busy planning new fundraising ideas for this year.

We would like to take a few moments to extend some important thankyou's

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the children for participating in our events.

Thank you to all the parents for their support, engaging with our events and for donating so generously.

Thank you to all the staff at the school, and our appreciation especially to Jane Holland who has been so supportive over the past two years.

Thank you to the committee for their dedication and hard work. They are a truly committed and inspiring group and great fun to work with. We are really proud that our PTA has continued to raise much needed funds for the school, supported the local community and fostered a sense of enjoyment for our children.

On behalf of everyone on the committee, we would like to thank Deborah Sewell, Victoria Stainton and Sarah Dilworth who are stepping down tonight for their contributions to the PTA. They have contributed many ideas and volunteered their time selflessly to serve the school. We're grateful for all your efforts, commitment and support to make the PTA a great success, and wish you all the best for the future. We would also like to thank Lindsay Washington who stood down from the committee earlier this year for her significant contribution to the PTA over many years.

I would personally like to make an extremely special mention to Katie. Katie has been invaluable and instrumental in the running of the PTA, and it has been an absolute pleasure to Co-Chair with you. I've lost count of the number of evening strolls we went on to discuss various fundraising ideas and make a relevant plan for our school together. I'd like to think that we did it in the right way, consistent with our school's ethos, and in consideration of our Head Teacher during a pandemic.

We hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain even more support from parents and build upon what we have already achieved together as a team.

Finally, we would like to say thank you and good luck to the next PTA committee. You truly are a team of great volunteers. We already know you will be very successful and we wish all the very best.

Thank you

Caroline and Katie