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Chair's Report Sep 2021 - 2022

EBA PTA Committee 2019/2020 as voted for at the EGM 8th September 2021:

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I would like to extend my thanks to Gemma who is stepping down as Treasurer at the end of this month. I am incredibly grateful for her support this year and even though she will no longer be part of the committee she will still be supporting us during events.

Fundraising Goal: Over the last school year we have continued our focus of raising funds to support the school in providing new Chromebooks for in class learning. In September 2021 we purchased 14 Chromebooks for our pupils and it looks like we will be able to provide the school with further Chromebooks this September from all of our efforts over the past year.

Grants:

The Asda Getting back to school Grant of £1000 has been used to invest in resources to allow the EBA PTA to run successful events. Items purchased include Cool Boxes for Ice Cream Fridays, Tools & supplies for the Carnival Float. We also provided the Pre School with the remaining funds from the Groundworks (Tesco's) grant, to enable them to build further elements to their trim trail.

Matched Funding:

Sadly, we have had no parents step forward this year to match fund any of our events. Fund matching from companies that our parents work for is an area that we are keen to develop over the next year. Perhaps we could advertise this element in the school newsletter once a term? It is a simple process and most of the major big businesses will match funds raised by their employees - it can be as simple as sharing 1 hour of your time with us. Please reach out if you can help. pta@eba.ec

Events:

It is once again a testament to the creativity and resilience of our committee and the EBA PTA volunteers that we were able to return to in person events over the last year. We are also incredibly grateful for all the support the staff of EBA have provided us. For the events we did run, our aim was to keep 'fun and family' at the centre of each one, knowing that any funds raised were an added bonus and once again I hope that we were able to strike the right balance.

Term 1 - September - December

- Ice Cream Fridays CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
- Welcome Family Fun Day CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
- Sponsored Read - No funds to the EBA PTA however the school received £1600 to spend on books
- Xmas4Schools Cards £181.00
- Yourschoollottery £854.70
- Christmas Books wrapped and donated to every child in the school - Cost £230.25
- Woodland Trust Trees replanted in PreSchool to create a 'Wild Area'
- Non Uniform Day - money raised split with school's chosen Charity £49.50
- Christmas Raffle £624.00
- Christmas Cards from Stock £2
- Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto CANCELLED DUE TO COVID

Term 2 - January - March

- EBA PTA Bake Off Jan 2021 CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
- The Highwires Band Night POSTPONED DUE TO COVID
- Easter Egg Hunt - CANCELLED COVID
- Challenge 2022 £1085.23
- Be School Ready Welcome booklet for new parents written and sent to Hedgehogs & Hamsters.
- Jubilee Celebration Raffle £642.00

Term 3 April - July

- Ice Cream Fridays £702.76
- Pre Loved Uniform £243.93
- Family Fun Day CANCELLED TO A LACK OF RESPONSE IN A TIMELY MANNER
- St Mary's Carnival and Float
- Dare to be Different £149.05

The PTA Family Fun Day wasn't able to go ahead this year but the school did run their own fair which was well attended. Quite a few of the resources and prizes used were ones which had been donated to or bought by the PTA so we have requested a breakdown of what was raised as a result of this. Our records will be updated to reflect this once the information has been received from the school. Going forward we will look at putting a more structured process in place for the recording of the sharing of resources for events.

An audit at the end of July highlighted a need to replenish our prize stock.

Donations:

We were incredibly fortunate to receive many donations over the last year. Donations take many forms, monetary donations directly to the EBA PTA, physical donations of prizes, stock and gifts and of course people's time.

Firstly I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who donated their time to help plan and run events, nothing would be possible without your time to support the EBA PTA. Also, to those children, staff and parents who participated in any of our events.

Every year we require basic stationary, food, drinks and sundries to help our events run. Thank You to the companies and individuals who supported us over the last year with donations including: Asda, Tesco's, Morrison's & Dunelm.

The Local Nisa supported us with £1000 through their Charity 'Making a Difference Locally'.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Kelly Hack has been busy over the past year and we have a growing collection of good quality pre-loved uniform, all organised into sizes ready to sell. If you are interested, please email pta@eba.ec to see if we have your item and size in stock. If you would like to donate any good quality pre-loved uniform you can find our collection box inside the main school office for you to place your items in. £234.93

Terracycle Crisp Packet recycling

Terracycle closed their crisp packet scheme back in April this year, we no longer collect crisp packets to recycle. Crisp packets can be recycled at local supermarkets.

GDPR and Policies:

As we reach the end of the school year, the EBA PTA Policies have been reviewed & updated by The Chair and The Secretary. In response to a parent query, we wrote a new policy 'Supporting children with long term health conditions'. All of our policies can be found on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/ebapta and on the EBA PTA Facebook group.

Gift Aid:

We successfully claimed Gift Aid on donations from parents this year of £304.95. Our small claims donation did not come through in time for this year's end of year P&L however, we have since received £266.25 which will be reflected on next year's report.

In Memoriam:

In May 2022, after a courageous fight with cancer, we lost our Treasurer Amanda Loveday. During her time with us, not only did she work on the EBA PTA accounts, but she set up our school lottery and put together all the paperwork to enable us to claim back gift aid on our donations. She helped chop down old trees and plant new ones, she built carnival floats and supported at countless events and was an instrumental part of our storage shed and base building team. The list goes on and on and her legacy lives on in many of the projects we work on to this day. In her passing, we lost a big part of our team and someone that many of us were lucky enough to call a friend.

On behalf of the EBA PTA committee and our volunteers, I would like to record our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022. Her tireless dedication and commitment to her role is an example to us all.

The EBA PTA plays such an important role in supporting the school, not just with fundraising but also providing fun and exciting activities which involve the school and the wider community; all of which provides new opportunities and experiences for our children. There is a huge amount of effort and commitment given by the EBA PTA committee and its small number of volunteers and we hope to expand our volunteers in the coming days and months. Many hands make light work!

It has again been a pleasure working with such a dedicated team during this last year. I would like to publicly extend my grateful thanks for all you have done, particularly in your support as I have experienced health issues this year and haven't been working at 100%.

As we look towards the coming year, the cost of living is increasing at an alarming rate and I will be recommending that our events keep this in mind with quality not quantity being the focus.

Tania Cornish
EBA PTA CHAIR

Other ways you can help support EBA PTA from the comfort of your own home:

Easyfundraising:

We continue to receive donations through family, friends and staff online purchases. We have a total of 54 signed up to our cause, however, a large number of those are inactive. Please consider clicking through easyfundraising if you are shopping online. We will receive donations at no extra cost to you. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ebahsa/>

Stamptastic:

We have an account with Stamptastic. 15% of any purchases through Stamptastic are given to us. They produce ink and stamps for school uniform, but also have a growing number of other gifts so take a look. I have personally purchased and used one of their ink stamps over the last couple of years and have found it to be very quick and long lasting. Code LU6 2DT

Amazon Smile:

We are signed up to Amazon Smile to receive donations for online donations at no extra cost to you, so if you shop use Amazon to shop online, please consider shopping through smile.amazon.co.uk and link your donations to Eba Pta. You can now also shop via the amazon smile app.

Your School Lottery

Join our school lottery and play, while raising much needed funds for our school. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased using this link...

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/eaton-bray-academy>

Website:

EBA PTA has their own website through Pta Events, please take a look and sign up.

www.pta-events.co.uk/ebapta