



**Ottershaw  
Parent Teacher  
Association**

Enriching the lives of our children

**Treasurers Report 2020**

Yet again it has been a pleasure to be the OPTA Treasurer for the year – although it's been such a shame we couldn't continue as we started in September 2019. We started the year building on the changes we made last year and set up a platform called PTA Events – this is an online platform, personalised for OPTA, where we can sell items and tickets, advertise events, and request volunteers for events – it has become the 'one stop shop' for all things PTA related and means we have been able to discontinue PTA social. In addition, PTA Events gives us the opportunity to take control of the sponsorship of the platform, so we can sell advertising space ourselves. We had great success selling advertising space, thanks for many local companies, and we made a profit of £150 on advertising.

We had some corporate sponsorship as well as some generous regular donations from parents which raised a fantastic £780 – on the parental donations, we claimed Gift Aid raising another £63.

We started the year with a bang, raising £3,117 on Fireworks, and then another £3,347 on the Christmas Fair. Christmas cards and Theatre tickets raised another £1,313.

Unfortunately that is where most of our fundraising for the year had to stop – but not before we managed to raise another £597 through Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile and £1,052 on a Bag2School collection in July. It meant that across all events we raised £10,586.

Our payments to the school for FY20 have been in excess of £27,000 – as mentioned in the FY19 report, this was mostly spent on new Trim Trails for the Infant and Junior Schools – which have been very well received, and of course given the current pandemic are a great way of keeping the children entertained when they are outside.

This leaves unallocated funds of just over £20,000 at the end August 20 and we are in discussions with the school around how these funds could be used.

The OPTA team, however, are clear that this year's efforts should not be focussed as much on fund raising, but should be more focussed on providing fun activities for the children. Our expectation is that our unallocated funds will run low – but hopefully the activities we manage to provide will make the children happy!

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at events and supported us – we certainly couldn't do this without your help.

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OPTA Treasurer