



**Ottershaw
Parent Teacher
Association**

Enriching the lives of our children

Treasurers Report 2021

With trepidation we started back the school year in August 2020, and quickly realised that many of our usual fundraising events would still not be possible. Fireworks are normally a big money maker, but instead of an actual firework event we made up fireworks bags to sell with firework themed activities and sold doughnuts – this raised £241. We moved our Christmas Fair to be a virtual event, hosting a facebook page where local businesses took a stall to sell their goods. We linked this to an auction of the class-donated hampers and we also sold some items that the PTA had made. We made all fundraising as covid safe as possible, and so also used the Parentkind Big Christmas raffle, which allowed tickets to be sold online rather than paper copies coming home in bags. All in all our Christmas activities made £1,830 which was amazing.

Ongoing fundraising continued to make a healthy contribution such as:

- Bags2School which raised £543 across the year;
- Easy Fundraising & Amazon Smile which make £383 a year
- The class made Christmas cards made £785 this year
- Sweet and cake sales made £315
- Leavers Bears and Books made £327
- Mufti days made £383

The main contributor to our fundraising, however, was our sponsored run at Easter. This was able to be conducted in school time, in bubbles, and was hugely successful – raising £4,708 plus a further £800 in Gift Aid. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to this event.

Our corporate sponsorship as well as regular donations made another £700 across the year and we have continued to sell uniform which has raised another £357.

This brings the total raised in this year to £11,592 which was a wonderful achievement especially given the circumstances.

Our payments to the school this year have been £14,632. This is mostly funding laptops which were bought in July. These have been invaluable to the school during these difficult times of online learning. Some of the school funding was also gifts to each class of books and wet play activities which were well received in the run up to Christmas.

This leaves unallocated funds of £16,700 at the end August 21 and we are in discussions with the school around how these funds could be used.

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