

## St Filumena's PTFA AGM 2020

### Chairs Report by Vicky Pitt

Well this year has been a bit different in the last few months, effectively putting a hold on life as we know it – and for us as a charity putting a pause on any fundraising efforts planned. In the first 7 months, through to Christmas we were off to a roaring start. Lots of new events tried, learned from past mistakes and moved forward with the times. We are eligible for gift aid and have charity status granted with this for tax purposes. We renewed our membership and insurance with Parentkind and ensured we ran a tidy ship.

We started the year with a strong and full committee of eager helpers – this inevitably dwindled as the year went on and we are down to a stable 4/5 at each meeting running all the events. This year financially we have done really well until Covid-19 hit – but we have still come out in profit.

Again we couldn't have done it this year without the support of the school and the ladies from the parish who have been diamonds – with special mention to Glenis Woolgar who we could not do without.

Meetings have taken place at different times and locations in the last year to see if it brought us anymore members, but it didn't make much of a difference so we reverted to in school on the first Friday of each half term at 2pm. The current pandemic has forced us to virtual meetings via Zoom which are a great success so far – so maybe this is something we can continue in the future to gain more help and voices.

We welcomed a new member, Emma Lawton, as a reception parent in September who immediately became a valuable asset – she also arranged for a £1000 donation through her work at HSBC in the match funding scheme.

We have raised over £8500 since our last AGM and each of the 15 events we have held are detailed below.

		Taken	Cost	Profit
Smarties	May	£327.00	£54.00	£273.00
Father's Day Coaster Cards	June	£419.50	£301.56	£117.94
Father's Day Brekkie	June	£477.89	£168.93	£308.96
Sports day	June	£430.00	£149.01	£280.99
Film Night	June	£316.00	£76.71	£239.29
Cash4cloths	June	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00
Reception graduation	July	£296.00	£141.88	£154.12
Summer fayre 2019	July	£2,300.46	£373.59	£1,926.87
End of term disco	July	£190.00	£119.30	£70.70
Spooky disco	Oct	£618.00	£438.02	£179.98
Grand Raffle	Nov	£1,066.00	£434.34	£631.66
Fab bricks Lego sales	Nov	£268.25	£221.25	£47.00
Xmas cards	Dec	£570.50	£422.00	£148.50
Xmas fayre	Dec	£437.91	£347.38	£90.53
Xmas plays	Dec	£500.00	£78.48	£421.52
Fashion show cancelled	Mar	£0.00	£21.00	-£21.00
Mother's day cancelled	Mar	£365.00	£202.99	£162.01
		£8626.51	£3550.44	£5,076.07

After costs our profit for the year 2019/20 from AGM to AGM is £5076.07

This is £84 up on last year but due to the Covid19 pandemic we have had to cancel Mother's Day afternoon tea, which is our second biggest earner of the year, and Easter bingo. This accounts for the shortfall this year. If these had gone ahead based on same profit as last year for these events we would have a profit in excess of £6000.

An amazing effort from all the committee, school staff and parents – not forgetting the children.

The summer fayre was again the biggest earner again, followed by the grand raffle and the Christmas events (refreshments & raffles). As we now have 2 years of information to go on we can plan the next year by doing less events but choosing the more profitable ones to maximise people's efforts and time given. I think there is always scope for new ideas and we will try other ventures, just not as many – unless we swell in numbers.

We have bought numerous things for the school this year including Drones, ICT software, donation towards Accelerated reader of £3000, donation to Catholic life development of £1000. We also fund Christmas presents for all the children and pay towards the year 6 school prom event and end of term discos.

We are still in the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic and as such all plans are on hold until we can access the "new normal" and will take guidance from the government, school and Parentkind as how we will move forward in the new academic year.

Thank you to Mrs Rose, Mrs Dudley, Mrs Smith and Mrs Barnett for all the question fielding, money taking, photocopying and so much more that they have done for us in the office.

Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson and all the school staff for supporting all the events and allowing us to invade as we do!

And a final thank you to all the parents who support us in any way they can – buying things, coming to events, helping out and baking cakes – every little helps and adds up to a whole lot!

Sadly, we say goodbye to Jen Thursfield as our treasurer but understand it is time to move on. She has really sorted us out in the last two years and we are all official and organised. Despite resigning back in February she has maintained the accounts and official business until now to help us out and has promised to still sell raffle tickets – in the way that only Jen can!

Thank you for allowing me to be your chair for the last year and hopefully we can be even bigger and better this year.