

## **St. Michael's C of E Primary School PTA**

### **Chair's Report School Year 2019/2020**

Barbara Kronsteiner-Dobramysl, Chair of St. Michael's C of E Primary School PTA (registered charity number: 1151390)

At the beginning of the school year 2019/20 at the Annual General Meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019) Tessa Clayton stepped down as treasurer of the PTA. Anvita Matilal was elected as new treasurer, Angela Wenham was re-elected as secretary and I was re-elected as chair of the PTA committee. In the first term of the school year the PTA committee was very busy organising two of the PTA's three big fundraising events of the year, the Fireworks night (5<sup>th</sup> November 2019) and Christmas Fair (7<sup>th</sup> December 2019). As always, those events were a huge effort and took a lot of organisation and coordination among the committee and the school. I am especially grateful to Mrs. Owen for her dedication to all PTA matters and Judith for her continuing administrative support given to the PTA. I am very thankful for all the volunteers (parents, grandparents, carers, school staff) who helped at the events and thus made them successful, enjoyable and rewarding.

Early 2020 brought a big change for all of us with the COVID19 pandemic hitting the world and thus at least for now changing the way we work, live and interact. With schools being closed for the majority of pupils and restrictions on social gatherings the work of the PTA was also put on hold resulting in the cancellation of all events including International Evening, May Day Teas, School Disco, Film Clubs and our big summer event the Football Tournament/Summer Fair as well as an End of year picnic, which we wanted to introduce that school year. Of

course all of this resulted in less funds raised compared to other years, however we were still able to take away a substantial amount of money from the Fireworks night and Christmas Fair (together totalling a little bit under £4,000) making it possible to pay for new classroom Smart boards and a new projector for the school hall. While the school was still open we also supported Science Week by paying for workshops. Furthermore, we invested in some new books for the library taking advantage of the closing down sale by The Book People. Our traditional class bursaries were not fully used by most classes due to the sudden end to the school year with the exception of Year 6, who were supported a bit more than usual due to the difficult position of missing out on their last year at St. Michael's. We fully financed the purchase of leaver's sweaters for all of the Yr6 pupils to ensure that each of them had a parting gift to take away from this year. We were also able to generate some money from our Party Tableware rentals, three film clubs and the Pancake Race Teas (25<sup>th</sup> February). Just before lockdown we added portable speakers and microphones (given to us for free) to our Party rental package. However, the use of our Party tableware and entertainment equipment is currently suspended and future use will depend on how things evolve over the coming year. The PTA has also made several investments in event equipment in order to improve safety and efficiency including portable flood lights, extension cords, cable protectors, a wireless card reader, a BBQ and a fire extinguisher.

At the end of the school year the PTA committee held a Zoom meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming school year and it was clear at that time that social events at the scale of our traditional Fireworks night and Christmas Fair will not be possible this year. Thus, the PTA committee decided not to go ahead with

planning the Fireworks night and started thinking about alternative ways of fundraising including an Armchair Fundraiser.

Effective today, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, I am stepping down from my role as chair of the PTA. I have thoroughly enjoyed being in this position and serving the school community in such a way for two years. It was certainly a very challenging task but well worth it. It is extremely rewarding to go home after a successful event and hours of preparation/cleaning and then reflect on what has been achieved together and how the raised funds will positively impact on the kid's school experience.

Now, at the start of the new school year 2020/21 it is clear that the PTA's work will have to continue in different ways and I am sure that the school community will be supportive of this. I wish the new chair and the entire PTA committee a successful and rewarding fundraising year!



## St Michael's PTA Draft Finance Report 2019/20 for AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Anvita Matilal, Treasurer of St. Michael's C of E Primary School PTA (registered charity number: 1151390)

Below are the **draft** income and expenditure figures for the school year 2019/20. The year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September, after which the final accounts and finance report will be produced.

### PTA Accounts Oct 2019 to Sept 2020

Event/Items	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Net (£)
Xmas fair	3248.79	1362.24	1886.55
Bonfire night	3975.26	1993.38	1981.88
Film clubs	350	229.29	120.71
Partyware hire	40		40
Pancake Day	92.20	10	82.20
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Class expenses		2062.14	
Library		47.89	
Science Week		718.80	
PTA assets (Lamps, Weatherproof electric box, Fire extinguisher, Extension cable, BBQ, Cable protector, fees to ParentKind, Speakers )		409.46	
Hall Projector		1301.75	
Classroom Smart Boards		4679.80	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>27157.37</b>	<b>13016.72</b>	

Current bank balance

£14252.44