

Court Lane Infant School PTA

Annual Chairpersons report by Kerry Budd, Chair

Overview

At the end of my 2nd year as PTA Chair, I look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved as a School community. As you will all be aware, Julie, Tina and I will be stepping down at the end of this term. Julie and I will no longer have a child at the school (although I return 2021!) however Tina will continue to be part of CLICA but not in a formal role.

It has been an eventful but enjoyable two years. We have spent a great deal of time ensuring that we left CLICA at the end of our tenure ready for a seamless hand over with robust processes and procedures in place which will ensure its success can be built upon.

Our fundraising total submitted to the Charities Committee for August 2019 was **£12,894**.

We have raised a total of **£8,500 for 2019/20**. Due to Covid-19 our fundraising efforts are currently on hold, we have not undertaken any events since February 2020. We cancelled our Summer Picnic and Disco; we have also not held any colouring competitions.

During lockdown we held a virtual disco, provided colouring templates and continued our interaction via social media with our school community. We opened up a just giving account but we did not conduct any active fundraising as it did not feel like the right thing to do in the current climate. We are however currently running a uniform sale of second hand items to raise funds for CLICA.

This year the main focus of fundraising by the PTA was to fund a new Year R play area. It is likely that this target will be rolled over to 2020/21.

Team Members and Volunteers

We step down with a new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary voted in. A handover has been completed and we will have some experienced committee members continuing to be involved.

I take great pride that as a committee we have increased volunteer participation. We have struggled occasionally however I believe that our social media interaction, our thank you cards we have produced and being approachable and friendly has really helped increase participation with events.

First Aid volunteers still remains an issue.

We have seen positive turnout for our AGMs, we have held informal meetings in a local pub and coffee mornings to attract new members. This may be something to consider, although social distancing may be an issue.

Events

We have held discos and PJ and Hotdog night all of which were a success.

We introduced for adults an Fashion Show which was received well.

We have continued to run colouring competitions and have varied judging panels and prizes for the children.

Our last Summer Picnic was held in June 2019 and was well attended despite being rescheduled.

At Christmas we hosted the Carol Service, we organised a visit to the Pantomime, we ran the Christmas Card design and sale, Present buying day for the children and our Christmas Fayre. We raised over £5,000 during the Christmas period which is an amazing achievement.

We also received fantastic support from Barclays in terms of volunteers and matched funding. We also received sponsorship from local businesses and donations from Tesco, Asda to name a few.

We have tried to keep our events fresh and varied for the Children, Parents and Staff.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all CLICA Committee members, it has been a pleasure working with you all to fundraise for Court Lane Infant School.

A special thank you, in particular to Mrs Pickett, Mrs Geddes, Mrs Ramshaw and all the teaching/ support staff at the School. We appreciate your involvement and support with our activities.

Kerry Budd

Chair, CLICA