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PTA – Annual General Meeting – Chair and Treasurer’s Report

We have had a great year of fundraising for our school with lots of successes to celebrate!

October was our first event of the year with the return of **Movie Night!** The children enjoyed the delights of Hotel Transylvania and we raised just over **£550** over the two screenings.

Next on the calendar was the **Christmas Fair and Raffle** in which we raised over **£3,500!** We had a few new stall ideas that were trialled – the chocolate tombola and the ‘Secrets Room’ – both of which went down very well with children and adults alike! As always, we are very grateful to those businesses and individuals that donated prizes for the raffle and the volunteers that rallied on the day. The sale of children’s designed **Christmas cards and gifts** raised an additional **£380**.

Another new initiative was **Pizza Night** which didn’t get a lot of take up, but still managed to raise **£71!**

In May, we held two **School Discos** in the school hall which were lively and rather sweaty! Thank you to the additional parent helpers we had on the evening – we just about maintained control and raised **£570** in the process.

We were very excited to return the **Summer Fair and Raffle** to Albourne School, raising a brilliant **£2,750** for the school and more importantly providing a great family afternoon full of entertainment, fun and games. Another huge thank you to all of those that donated raffle prizes and/or your time on the day to help make the event possible.

We continue to run monthly **cake sales** in the Autumn and Spring terms and weekly **lolly sales** in the Summer term, which together last year raised an incredible **£1,500!**

You have all helped to raise an additional **£171** via **EasyFundraising** and **£169** via **Amazon Smile**. Amazon Smile is no longer operating but we will remind you of the EasyFundraising details shortly – a really easy way to raise money for the school while doing your usual online shopping!

Perseverance Aspiration Respect



Responsibility Kindness Courage

Note from Laura Woods – PTA Treasurer: All in all, we have raised a whopping £10,700 this year and donated over £10,500 to the school, leaving a bank balance of £7,200 heading into next year. Well done to everyone that's made that achievement possible!

Note from Emma Richardson – PTA Chair: Since taking over as PTA Chair from Lorna Hudson in January 2023, it has been a great start to fundraising for the school. We have been supported by many parents, carers and teachers during our main events – the Christmas and Summer Fairs. The support has been amazing, and I would like to thank everyone involved and look forward for the continued support for the upcoming events. I would also like to express thanks to all those that made raffle donations – a critical part of our fundraising.

There are a few people who I would like to give a special thank you to! Laura Woods (PTA Treasurer) is such an important part of running the PTA and without her exceptional organisation the events just wouldn't run as smoothly as they do. She has taken the lead on much more than just the finances. The PTA would not run so effectively if she was not involved, so thank you Laura.

Another special mention to Jo Wenban (PTA Secretary and general superstar) who is always willing to give up her precious free time to support any and every event - buying ice creams, cakes, helping out at open days and much more! She will be seriously missed next year when her daughter goes to secondary school.

Other ladies who deserve a mention would be Lyndsay, Corinne, Nicki, Claire and Amy who have regularly attended PTA meetings and dedicated their time to successfully running events. I can happily say that each of these ladies have supported the easy transition in to become Chair and I would struggle to be as successful as we have been this year without their help. For the year ahead, I am hoping that we are as triumphant as last year, if not more.

Finally, we have launched a PTA newsletter this year which hopefully gives you a better idea of where the funds are spent. Other than regular class and SEN contributions, we have been able to provide money to fund the new reading corners in classrooms, a significant upgrade to the Robins outdoor area, an Amazon Music subscription and we have contributed to almost all of the trips and workshops for the children throughout the year.