

Ripponden J&I School PTFA AGM 2019-2020

Chairpersons report by Charlotte Jayne Adams

The PTFA's purpose is to raise funds for the school to buy things to benefit the children that the school would otherwise not be able to afford within their budget. This is largely done by running social events for children, parents and staff that help, with the feeling of a fun, welcoming school community.

Through our PTFAs hard work, dedication and commitment, we continued to work towards our goals in supporting the school and enriching the education of our children.

Together we have endorsed some fantastic events not only for the children but also the adults! The Fashion show was a huge success raising £800 whilst we purchased fashion bargains and drank prosecco! Secret Santa aptly renamed "Elfridges" was another success raising £883. (Obviously our gorgeous elf ears helped!) Also our Film Night proved extremely popular raising £417 in comparison to the Valentine's Disco in 2019 at £226. Continued support of all of these events has enabled the PTFA to fund new interactive whiteboards and essential IT equipment for our school.

Then Covid-19 happened. As the Treasurer's report will detail, we have managed to raise £5,682. This is 56% of our target of £10k. An amazing achievement since we had no ball or Summer Fayre and all fundraising activities came to an immediate halt in February. However we really, really need your help! As our lovely school receives very little funding in comparison to other schools and even more so now whilst fundraising is increasingly challenging our school needs our support.

If you are interested in being the next Chair or any other role please put yourself forward. We really, really need more helpers and this can be either selling drinks on a stall, organizing games at a disco or you may have a specific skill set for example graphic design or work for a company that could match fund an event.

I have decided that now is a good time for me to step down as Chair. I will continue to act as a PTFA helper at events when possible. I must say it has been an honour to serve on the PTFA committee over the last 2 years and I feel privileged to have had this opportunity.

Finally I would like to thank Lorraine, Sandra and Angela for their support from the school office as we continually add to their already busy workload with our requests and ideas. And it goes without saying, a big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, carers, neighbours, friends, teachers and TA's who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year.

Thank you again everyone for all your amazing support. None of this would be possible without you.

Charlotte Adams
PTFA Chair