



Dear Parents,

As we move towards the AGM on Wednesday 25th September we wanted to take this chance to offer a little more information about the last 12 months in the PA.

The Parents Association has two main purposes, firstly it aims to provide brilliant experiences for our children and secondly it raises much-needed funds for the school. This year the PA has raised over £8,900 to support the school and offered the children events and experiences which they will always remember. We are aware that most parents have made a contribution to this, every cake baked, stall manned, business sponsorship, event organised and attended makes a contribution towards this total.

Our income is almost all event based, Two of our three key events had record breaking years, Duck Races raised £2,450 (up by £280) and the Egg Hunt made £1,240 (up by £80) the Christmas Bazaar raised £1,200 which was a little down on the previous year. A huge amount of work goes into each event, this year volunteers have been amazing at taking ownership of events and running them with the support of the committee, its not easy to lead an event so please make the effort to say thank you to these brave volunteers.

Half way through the year we changed the way we did cake sales, we were finding that we were receiving less and less donations and that it was always the same people contributing. By moving to a class system where each class takes a turn we have been able to turn this round, this year we raised £720 which is amazing. Massive thanks go out to our class reps, we still have places for class reps for this year so please get in touch if you'd like to be involved. The cake sales contribute directly to each class, as a PA we top up the profit made and ensure that every class gets £300 to spend on classroom resources, if you would like to know how this years money was spent please speak to your teacher or Ms Avastu.

We are aware that we are often asking parents for money but lots of the expenditure isn't seen by parents, in addition to classroom resources we fund the school wide licence for Athletics. This year much of the other spending has focused on the arts, we have used over £3,500 focusing on the arts including dance days and music workshops.

At the end of this letter we have included graphs giving more information about our accounts. Our books are open so if you'd like more information about our finance please speak to Mandy Hyde.

The people who run events are the back bone of the PA, like you they are juggling young families, work and all the other commitments that family life brings, on top of this they choose to put themselves out there and take on an event.

Lots of these people have already committed to running events this year, but we have some gaps and if no one steps forward some of our key events will not happen next year.



We are aware that we could do so much more but the only way this can happen is more people becoming involved, we have roles for everyone and the more active members we have the more we can do. To get involved come along to the AGM or speak to any committee members or use the email address below.

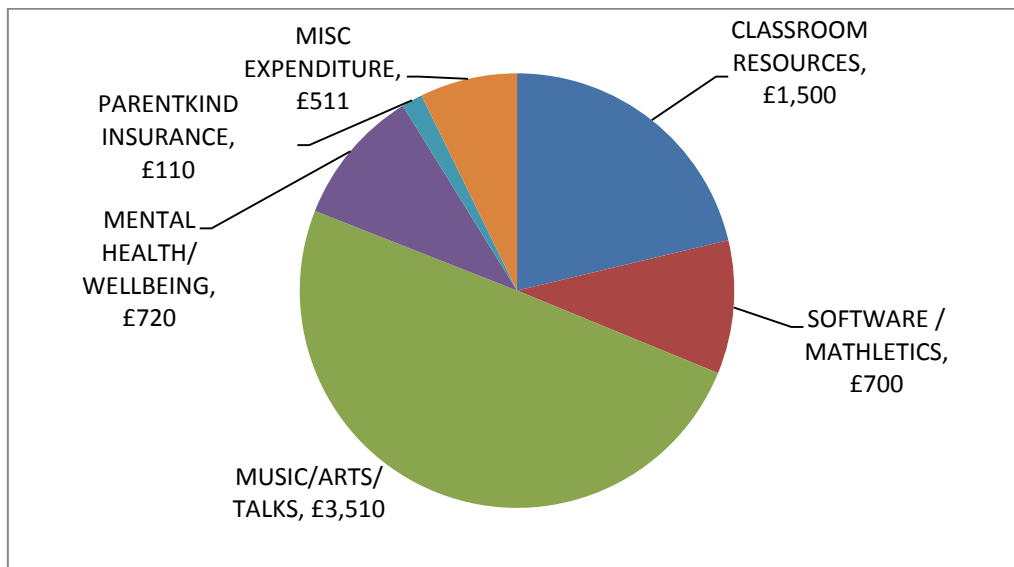
On personal note we will both be stepping down as chair at the AGM on 25th September, do come along, you will get a friendly welcome.

Best Wishes

Jen & Lisa (Co-Chairs)

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Expenditure 2019



Income by Event 2019

