



# St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy PTA

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Head Teacher: Miss K. Everson

## **PTA CHAIR REPORT 2021 - 2022**

### **Background**

The PTA have been playing catch-up in the current financial year since the Covid19 restrictions were relaxed. The pandemic had meant that no fundraising initiatives could be run, but we were still keen to support children where we could, although this meant a shrinking bank balance. Our work included:

- Availing a significant supply of pre-loved uniform for parents/carers upon request, usually free of charge, but some chose to make small voluntary donations;
- We awarded all children "Lockdown Graduate" pin badges with the Academy crest;
- Christmas cards and sweets were distributed;
- Easter eggs were given out to all;
- Year 6 leaver vouchers;
- We continued with our 'OneLottery' weekly draw.

### **Exiting Covid**

As we were able to organise more events, we staged the following:

- Three cohorts of an extremely successful 'Sports and Young Citizen' scheme. This was an integration of sports activities and outside input from Police, Fire Brigade, a Deputy Mayor visit, an Olympic sprints finalist and fitness guru;
- Weekly 'Mini-Olympics' sports sessions;
- Christmas raffle (and now a Summer raffle due to draw on 1st July);
- Santa's grotto;
- Half-price Christmas pantomime tickets at the Churchill Theatre;
- Two sponsorship schemes based on 'Twos Day' (22/2/22) and a £20.22 target for doing anything during the Easter break;
- Our ever popular Friday afternoon tuck shops.
- A hugely successful summer fair

### **Benefits to the Academy to date**

Tangible benefits over the past year or so as follows:

- 36 brand new Chromebooks
- Over £1000 of brand new PE equipment;
- Purchase of two brand new fully-equipped first aid kits for the Academy
- Sponsorship of a Year 6 leavers bowling day;
- Supply of all the Jubilee bunting and stickers;
- Supplying free of charge refreshments for every child at the recent Jubilee Jamboree

### **Current work**

Tuck shops continue, as does the pre-loved uniform supply, along with the Mini-Olympics sessions after school on Wednesdays.

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## **Fund-raising targets**

We agreed to plan and build a new and improved reading area in the lower reception of the Academy. Work during the summer break saw this ready for the new academic year.

The longer-term aim is for a reading 'cabin' to be constructed in the playground. This has yet to be costed, but could attract a significantly reduced outlay with potential volunteers willing to put the materials together. However, planning permission will almost certainly first be required once firm plans are confirmed.

## **Human resources**

As always we have been dependent throughout the year on the willingness of others to support us in our endeavours. So I have to offer my sincerest gratitude to our stalwart PTA Secretary Melissa Olivier without whose support we would have certainly struggled. Likewise to Tasos Angelopoulos who took over as Treasurer last Autumn – a key post managed with the utmost integrity and efficiency all year. My personal thanks should also be recorded to all those parents, carers and staff who contributed to the summer fair, and to the excited cohorts of year 6 children who saved me from having a nervous breakdown at the weekly tuck shops by helping out!

We cannot do without support such as this, and this year will be yet more dependent as at some stage I will be dipping out of the spotlight for major surgery. Anyone out there who feels they may be able to help in any small way during the year – please get in touch and I'm sure we will see 2022-23 turn into another immensely successful and enjoyable year for the PTA and the Academy.

**John Powell**  
**PTA Chair**