



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

Annual report - 2021-2022

Introduction

I'd like to thank all of the teachers, parents and children who have helped us achieve so much with the PTA over the last year. With Covid restrictions lifted, it has been possible to return to business as usual and the PTA has organised some wonderful fundraising events and opportunities. All money raised goes towards supporting St Jude's and our community.

It's been a joy to see everyone coming together again. Aside from raising much needed funds for the school, one of the best things about the PTA is the social opportunities it creates for the friends and families of St Jude's. Being part of a small school can feel like a family and the PTA's events underline this sense of belonging to something very special.

Key fundraising events that have returned include the Fun Run, Summer Fair, Year 6 quiz night and the Christmas Fair. All events were well attended and raised thousands of pounds for the school. We have also had numerous cake and uniform events which are always good ways of gathering donations. The Pedder board sales, Christmas cards, tea towels and bags were also a great success. Moving into this academic year, I am happy to say that we have also recently enjoyed the return of the Valentine's Disco for the first time in 4 years. The disco was a sell-out which has prompted calls for another one later in the year! Thank you to everyone who has helped organise these events and lent a helping hand. Without everyone's help, these wonderful events couldn't happen.

With school funding limited, the PTA is vitally important to provide extra resources and experiences to enhance our children's education and enjoyment of school. The PTA has previously raised money for laptops, learning screens, the KS1 playground, school workshops, school trips and caring for our nature garden and resident chickens. We are delighted that the chickens' living quarters have had a makeover and that their care is now 5 star! Our next priority is to raise money

to help fund a new key stage 2 playground for our children. Plans are underway and we hope to contribute significantly to this development.

It is a privilege to be Chair of the PTA and thank you for your continuing support. We are keen to grow our group of fabulous parents and friends so please spread the word. Even giving half an hour of your time to take donations at a cake sale makes a huge difference. I hope we can continue to deliver as much additional funding as we can for our children and look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

Anoushka

Anoushka Roberts (Chair)

Our financial donations to the school

We held a relatively large cash balance at the bank at the start of the 2021-22 financial year, but this was largely cleared with a larger donation to the school in the Autumn 2021 term.

In total the PTA gave £14,315 to school during the 2021-22 year. The school invested these funds in:

- £5,000 for music and performing arts activities
- £6,500 towards the installation of a "Green screen" in the KS2 playground
- £500 towards enhancements in the Reception classroom
- £500 towards books themed around diversity
- £345 towards the costs of Year 2's trip to the beach at Margate
- £200 for science equipment
- £1,270 for the coach travel to and from Year 6's residential



The new green screen which was put in place in 2021



The PTA funded transport for the year six residential trip

Fundraising

One of the significant ways the PTA can support the school is via generating additional funds – but we combine our efforts with fun whenever possible, to enrich our children's experiences at school. This section provides an update on key fundraising initiatives across the last academic year.

Fun Run



Our annual fun run moved to the Autumn term in 2021 after being rescheduled from the Summer Term. The fun run took place on 16 October and was a great event bringing the school together in Brockwell Park with prizes and cakes afterwards. The event raised over £1,600 for the PTA

Christmas Fair



After a break of a few years due to covid restriction we were able to hold our Christmas Fair with outside stalls selling mulled wine, crafts, cakes and a special visit from Father Christmas. The school steel pans were also able to play outside for everyone. The event raised over £800 for the PTA

Tea-towels

Tea-towel printing was sponsored generously by Pedder this year, which meant that the PTA was able to make a more significant income from them, despite having to make all of the sales online via our e-shop.

Christmas cards

The 2021 Christmas cards - organised through Cauliflower cards, raised £202 for the PTA.

Valentine Disco

Unfortunately due to covid restriction we were unable to run the annual valentine disco this year.

Quiz night



The annual quiz night, which is organised by year 6 parents as the night helps fund the year 6 residential at the end of the year, took place on May 27th. The evening was a fantastic success with a great turnout and delicious food prepared by year six parents.

The event raised over £1000 for the PTA.

Summer Fair



The Summer fair took place on 25th June on one of the hottest days of the year so far. The fair, which is a highlight of the St Jude's calendar included games including splat the rat, hook a duck, bouncy castle, a fantastic raffle and mojitos and drinks in the nature garden. It was a great day and the event raised a whopping £3,287.35

Pedder estate agent boards

Although we had to cancel our Summer Fair, Pedder placed advertising boards at parents' homes and we still received payment for these, even though the Fair did not go ahead. These boards raised £810

Second hand uniform sales



The PTA continue to organise second hand uniform sales to help out families who needed new uniforms or to top up their existing uniform. This included taking requests via WhatsApp from new parents to reception over the Summer holidays.

Huge thanks to Rosabel and Georgie for taking this on and organising this during COVID restrictions.

Regular fundraising throughout the year, other funds

Many of you use Easyfundraising when shopping online, and this is a great earner for us. Anyone who wants to join in, you can sign up here (and we get a bonus donation if you use this link):

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=84707&invite=WJBJLX&referral-campaign=c2s>

Over the year, our collective online shopping has raised a significant amount for the PTA.

We can't conclude the fundraising report without thanking **everyone** who has supported us with donations this year. It was another challenging year to organise events due to the ongoing covid restrictions and we are very proud of what we achieved under the circumstances.

PTA non-financial support for the school

Nature Garden

Our nature garden continues to be an important part of the St Jude's school community with the upkeep from parent volunteers.

We are proud that our garden is well used and maintained and that a group of volunteers are currently working on additional funding to make improvements to the garden so that it continues to be a vital part of the school. This includes adding an outdoor tap, new planting and new path borders to prevent plants being trodden on.

We are always looking for parents and carers to help with the garden so if this is something you are interested in please get in touch with the PTA.

Chickens

The chickens are an important part of St Jude's and we love our 3 healthy young hen who are very much part of the school community.

They love to have a run around the nature garden (when bird flu permits) and are very good at going back home again. We just have to be super careful to ensure the coup is fastened securely to ensure the foxes are kept out!

Children in each class have the role of looking after the chickens during the week with the support of our chicken officer, Jane, and in collaboration with the school we have recently introduced an after school chicken club. The children collect the eggs and ensure they have water and food each day. A team of volunteer parents care for them on the weekends and during the holidays. Co-ordination works really well amongst the group via our WhatsApp group and GoogleDrive rota doc. The PTA pays for the upkeep of the chickens (food and coup maintenance). Eggs are collected by the children during the week and are put into the plastic crate in front of the chicken coop. Parents can buy eggs for a suggested donation of £1 per half dozen.

The PTA has also recently funded to replace the chicken coup and upgrade their surroundings including fresh bark for the floor and even a chicken swing. Many thanks in particular to Rosabel and Jane for all their care for the chickens in the last year.



Our 2021-22 team were:

Chair & charity trustee:	Anoushka Roberts
Treasurer & charity trustee:	Sarah Wallace
Secretary:	Claire Collins
Communications:	Hellen Hay (Twitter @stjudespta)
Chicken Officer:	Rosabel Martinez
Nature Garden Lead:	Olga Muniz

Accounts for the financial year ended 20 July 2022

Note: Our admin costs were higher this year, compared to 2020-21, partly because we are now paying charges to HSBC each month for our banking, but also due to card and website fees incurred for our electronic payment mechanisms. Since we now have to pay deposit fees for cash, there is no disadvantage to electronic payments versus cash financially, and we are likely to receive additional income by offering the flexibility to pay by card or online.

Income	£12,088.76	
Donations received		£4,411.20
Gross takings from events & activities		£7,677.56
Payments	£17,278.07	
Grants made to school		£14,315.00
Cost of running events & fundraising		<u>£ 2,020.33</u>
Admin costs		£ 942.74
Assets at year end	£ 7,374.41	
Cash in hand and in bank		£ 5,922.89
Debtors		£ 1,451.52
Liabilities	£ 21.54	
Creditors		£ 21.54