



## **Chair's Report 2020**

### **Thank you!**

On behalf of the Friends & Family committee we would like to thank all of the children, parents and staff for your continued support over the past year. Not everything went to plan due to our current situation but everyone pulled together and we are very proud of what we have achieved and we hope that our fundraising has and will continue to make a difference to the children at St Monica and our community.

### **What is the role of our PTA**

Our PTA team exists to bring together parents, friends, and staff to support the school for the benefit of all pupils.

All families automatically become a member of Friends & Family when their child joins St Monica Primary School.

Our aim is to organise a range of simple but effective events throughout the academic year to not only raise funds for the school but also for the fun and enjoyment of the children and their families.

### **2019-2020 achievements**

- A new committee with new roles and organisation
- We became 'Friends and Family of St Monica' with new Facebook pages and website
- The chocolate elf collection for the vulnerable children of Hampshire - our wonderful parents and team collected 120 advent calendars and 78 selection boxes!
- Christmas cards etc. - the children designed their own Christmas cards / mugs / tags
- Christmas fayre with various games, stalls, and refreshments
- Ladies movie night showing of Bad Moms
- Bag2School (Feb 2020)
- Spring disco (Feb 2020)
- Mother's day sale (thankfully taken over by the school so that we were able to get as many gifts out on time as possible)
- Special thank you to a parent who raised money for the school by doing the Great South Run in October

Unfortunately our year was then cut short with our future Bag2School, discos, and summer fayre needing to be cancelled.

However, our Year 6 leaver committee, having had to cancel the Year 6 leaver's disco were able to use the funds they raised doing the fun fun stall at the disco and the money donated by us to make our Year 6's last day a special one. Thank you.

And during lockdown the PTA didn't stop. Raising money by setting up 'St Monica preloved school uniform' page and stall (thank you for all your generous donations and help with this) and Zoom PTA meeting to keep things moving.

### **How we spent the money we raised**

- November - £2,000 towards books for Mr Grennan's library project. After discussing our plans with the school for our fundraising for endeavour playground equipment it became clear that the immediate project at the school was the availability of books for our children and a desperate upgrade to the school's 2 libraries.
- £250 - Year 6 leaver committee
- September - A further £2,000 towards the library project
- September - £500 towards 2 fogging machines for a quicker and more efficient way for the school to clean the classrooms.

### **2019-2020 Committee**

Chair	Kirsty McLoughlin
Vice Chair	Dave Martin (Sept 2019-Feb 2020)
Treasurers	Charlotte Curtis (Sept 2019-Feb 2020)
	Clair Doyle (from Feb 2020)
	Helen Curnow
Secretary	Alison Nevin
PR Rep	Anna Iiyana (Sept 2019-Dec 2019)

### **The current academic year**

During lockdown our parents and PTA team have been coming up with lots of fundraising ideas for this school year and, provided we get school approval, we will need lots of help to get these arranged. We cannot do this without our volunteers. This can be taking on a role such as:

- Year group rep, which involves talking to the parents in those years, keeping them up to date on the St Monica year group Facebook pages and helping out at events when you are able.
- Becoming part of the committee in the various roles
- Or just offering to volunteer an hour or two of your time to help run an event

### **WE NEED YOU!**

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