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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, the PTFA would like to thank you all for your support throughout the school year with helping us to raise vital funds towards our children's education and enjoyment of school.

We understand you may sometimes feel like you are giving money and are not fully aware of what this is being spent on so as treasurer I thought I would give you an update on where the money has been spent during the last 12 months and plans we have for the near future and beyond.

Our 1st outgoing was providing every child with a cupcake for the Royal Wedding kindly baked by our chairperson Helen Nash.

During the final summer term, we contributed £1000 to the refurbishment of the school library which all children now enjoy during the school day.

Next, we had the year 4 leavers celebrations where we fund the coach trip to take the children bowling followed by a buffet and prosecco where the leaver's presents are given out all funded by the PTFA which amounts to around £1000.

The final outgoing of the school year was £60 towards the reception graduation.

Onto the new term and a busy one we started the term by contributing £800 towards equipment to ease the transition from reception to year 1.

Halloween is always a good fundraiser and we started with the raffle of the Cadburys chocolate pumpkin which all the children were excited to win!!

Then came the Halloween disco where the children enjoyed a DJ with drinks and snacks.

In November we purchased books for nursery to enable Mrs Rose to do group reading with the children.

Also in November we bought a camera for all the teachers to use on trips and in school.

December is always a very busy time for the PTFA organising the Christmas fete which is a very good fundraiser and is always enjoyed by everyone.

This term we have had a school disco where as always children enjoyed the DJ/entertainer with a snack again a great time was had by all.

Most recently we have had our Mother's Day gifts which the children enjoyed making some giving us some giggles along the way.

We have funded an author to visit reception this month.

The school laminator is very old and inefficient so we have given the school £625 for a new machine which will be arriving very soon.

Finally, our latest projects have been Easter based our annual egg decorating competition where Mrs Groves our dinner lady kindly makes the tough judging decisions with so many fabulous efforts. We follow this with our Easter egg hunt where all the children solve the clues around the school to a chocolate egg at the end

As for the future the main aim at present is to have a trim trail built on our school field firstly on the junior side with the hope of raising enough funds to have a smaller version on the infant side of the field but these cost in excess of £6000 each and we are in the process of meeting with companies to get quotes.

So, as you can see, we are VERY busy VERY small team of Moms (approximately 7) alongside Miss Willis our Deputy Head who make these things happen for all our children.

Anyone who wishes to join us is more than welcome even if its just to help at events or offer a pair of hands for activities throughout the year it would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support

Erica Smith (Treasurer PTFA)