

## Co-Chair report

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Firstly we wanted to open our annual Chair report with a massive thank you!! Since we took on the position of Co-Chairs in 2018 all of you our amazing parents, PTA committee members & St Paul's staff have been incredibly supportive & encouraging.

Our mission when we agreed to become Co-Chairs was to create an inclusive environment for all parents to collaborate as a community to enhance our Children's school experience, and provide additional support to our children and families when needed.

We are really proud of what we have achieved as a team over the last 4 years, with our biggest purchase and project was the Astro turf installation within the cage. Our amazing team ACS worked with us to ensure we could fill this project. We really hope that our children love it as much as we do.

Sadly due to the pandemic we were only able to lead one major event as Co-Chairs.

From October 2019-February 2020 each year group hosted a cake sake after school. All funds raised went directly to that class. Sadly due to the pandemic this was paused, but we hope moving forward this is something our new PTA leaders will consider. The money raised from the year groups who were able to participate funded their respective year 6 leaver's parties, and we hope the money raised by the year 4 class of 2020 now our year 6 leaver's class of 22 will also be able to be spent this way.

The Christmas fayre 2019. It was incredible to see so many new faces coming to help with the setup, folding raffle tickets etc. It was a great sense of team work which was our blue print into further events. This was echoed in the success of our first Christmas Wreath making event 2019, which we hope will be our legacy in years to come.

Sadly, our plans for events since 2020 wasn't to be, however, our committee members of parents really did come up with innovative ways to raise money whilst engaging the children. This particularly has been evident with the remote Christmas events, 'Race to Lapland' & the most recent 'Smartie Challenge' and 'Santa Sleigh' fund raiser.

We appreciate more than you know just how challenging the past two years have been on everyone, financially and emotionally. And we are still so overwhelmed by how generous you have all been with your time and particularly your contribution to our fundraising.

We have raised an amazing amount of money from the remote events and raffle, and we will be forever grateful to you all.

Stepping down as your Co-Chairs is bitter sweet, we had so many amazing plans and events to host, and that sadly didn't come through.

We leave you in the most capable hands, and ask that you please support the new team, come join the madness, make new friends and really feel part of the community.