

Wallscourt Farm Academy CCA
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Chairperson's Report

The 2019/20 school year (the first year of me being Chairperson) was not quite the year the CCA (or any of us!) had planned, with lots of events being organised but sadly only a handful of them being able to go ahead.

However, the events we did hold were all a great success and definitely ones we will continue to organise in the future.

As we like to do every year, we tried a new event – the 'Children's Christmas craft/film drop and shop', which took place on the last Saturday in November. This involved the parents dropping off their child/children in school for whole 4 hours whilst they did a bit of child free Christmas shopping! The children had loads of fun making lots of Christmas crafts and watching Christmas films (with the obligatory popcorn)! This was a great success and something we will definitely look to do again in the future.

For the second year running, we also organised the 'Children's Christmas Shop'. This was held during school hours and involved the CCA preparing almost 600 pre-wrapped gifts so the children could choose 'in secret' a Christmas gift for their parents/someone special. The excited looks on their faces when they're deciding what gifts to buy and writing out their gift tags ready to give out on Christmas day is just magical.

And not forgetting the usual favourites including Quiz night, School Disco and the termly year group Cake/Pre-loved uniform sales.

We were also thrilled to fund a recording device for a new WFA radio club to be set up for year 6. This is due to be a weekly pre-recorded radio station throughout the year. Due to current Covid restrictions it's not been running this year, but it's hoped to get started in the new year, so watch this space!

And not forgetting our summer fair which is our biggest, most profitable and everyone's favourite event of the year. Sadly it obviously did not go ahead this year but despite this (and the other events which had to be postponed/cancelled) our bank account is still in a healthy position (as the treasurers report will show).

We do have big plans for the money held in the bank account. The CCA have been in discussion with the Academy about providing the school with some extra playground equipment for the children to use during their outside breaks – we hope to progress with this once restrictions are lifted.

As well as this, the funds we raise will also be able to provide additional equipment/resources to help enrich and educate our children. For example, last year we funded 'Wet Play boxes' for all of KS1 and KS2, so when it rains, each year group have their own box with a big selection of games, cards, arts and crafts in. We also funded a digital piano and stool for music lessons and an Anti-Bullying workshop for all children (ran by Unique Voice theatre group).

We have also today just emailed to all families (and added to our page on the WFA school website) our first ever CCA Newsletter. Something we have talked about doing for a long time. We will arrange for these to be issued throughout the year with details of up and coming events, any competitions we are running and any equipment/events we have funded.

Included in this Newsletter you will see details of the following:

- 1) We are excited to currently be running our first free writing/poetry/drawing competition where there will be 1 winner chosen per year group, and each winner will receive a prize of a £10 gift card. The topic for this competition is 'When I grow up'. The deadline for entries is Friday 4 December and full details of this are in our Newsletter and on our CCA Facebook page. Winners will be announced before the Christmas break.
- 2) Also, currently our fund-raising is being done on-line, and we have recently set up a link for a raffle where you can win up to £5,000!

As well as the details being shown in our Newsletter, they can also be found on our CCA Facebook page. We would be ever so grateful if you could please share this with family and friends as every raffle ticket sold means more funds towards the play equipment and other resources for our children. And just imagine being the winner! What a great gift that would be!

PLEASE JOIN US!

We are always after new members to join us – we are a small and very friendly bunch of people!

Our CCA meetings are currently done via Zoom rather than in person, but we would *love* new people to join us. The meetings are mainly held monthly (although more often when a big event is coming up i.e. the summer fair).

Being in the CCA is extremely flexible. You don't have to attend every single meeting, or any meeting for that matter! There are always other ways you can get involved, for example if you could help volunteer for any events we hold in any way, no matter how big or small it is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank all of the members of the CCA for their hard work and dedication over the last year, and also to all parent/carer volunteers who have helped us - we couldn't do it without you! Whilst this year has been a very unusual one, I am very excited to see what we can achieve and what events we can hold in 2020/21.

Mandie Millett
CCA Chairperson

You can keep up to date with all things CCA, as follows:

- Like and follow our **Wallscourt Farm Academy CCA** Facebook page
- Through the school website – <https://wallscourtfarmacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/community-cultivation-alliance/>

You can also email us - cca@wfa.cabot.ac.uk