

Wallscourt Farm Academy CCA
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Chairperson's Report

The 2020/21 school year was again not quite the year any of us had planned, with us all being teased with organising a couple of events (Children's Christmas shopping event, Christmas disco and Nutty Noah) which then sadly had to be cancelled or postponed. I've not had much luck since I took over as Chairperson in November 2019!

Pre Covid, the CCA has always liked to try a new event every year. The last new event we held was the Children's Christmas craft/film drop and shop, which took place on the last Saturday in November 2019. 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 hopefully this year.

Sadly, again we weren't able to hold the Children's Christmas Shop, but this is definitely something we will be looking to organise again this year. For those of you who don't know, this is an event which is held during school hours and involves the CCA preparing around 600 pre-wrapped gifts so the children can 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 😊

Previously, we were also excited to fund a recording device for a new WFA radio club to be set up for year 6's. This is due to be a weekly pre-recorded radio station throughout the year. Although, this sadly hasn't been running, but it's hoped to get started very soon, so watch this space!

Year 6 didn't get to have their camping trip either, but they did go on a fun day out at the Blackrock Activity centre instead, so we were really happy to donate £500 CCA funds towards that. The CCA have committed to donate £500 every year towards a school ran year 6 leavers activity.

Unfortunately, not a lot of fundraising has been able to happen again this year but we have still managed to hold a new starter coffee morning/afternoon, an ice lolly sale, pre-loved uniform sale (mainly from my house – not sure what my neighbours thought!) and a couple of Parentkind 'Big PTA Raffles'.

And we have also still managed a few 'firsts' this year...

- 1) We ran our first free writing/poetry/drawing competition based on the topic "When I grow up". There was one winner (who won a £10 gift card) per year group. All the children's entries were just amazing and made it such a tough competition to judge.
- 2) In September, we prepared our first 'new starter packs' which were given out to all new parents/carers on their child's first day at school. This will be something that we will do every year. It's a little bag filled with a few items to help new parents get through their child's first day of school as it can be an emotional time!
- 3) As we had to postpone the Christmas Disco, we funded the digital Panto Aladdin instead, where the children all went into the Superclassroom in their year groups to watch it. It sounded lots of fun!

As we move into 2022, things again haven't got off with a great start with the New Year Disco and Nutty Noah sadly having to again be postponed. Although we do have Nutty Noah rebooked for Friday 6 May.

And not forgetting our summer fair which is our biggest, most profitable and everyone's favourite event of the year.

We are currently starting to organise the summer fair for this year and the date for everyone's diaries is Saturday 25 June so make sure you keep that date free!

We are keeping everything crossed and are really hopeful that this year things will slowly be getting back to the new normal (whatever that may be).

As mentioned at the last AGM, we had big plans for the money held in the CCA bank account. Over the last couple of years, the CCA had 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 were so happy to be able to fund the mile track, Compass and 100 square grid, which the children use daily. And as it's a blank canvas it's so versatile and is fabulous for their learning.

Claire will run you through the Treasurer Report which is obviously decreasing but hopefully funds will start to increase again this year. Any additional funds we raise will be able to provide additional equipment/resources to help enrich and educate our children.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

Sadly the size of the CCA is decreasing due to the fact we have had members leave as their children leave Wallscourt. This hasn't helped with us not having many meetings since Covid (this is something we will be looking to start up again this year), as we haven't had anyone new join either so the CCA desperately need your help. It would be great for new people to join us and come up with fresh new ideas.

The meetings are mainly held termly (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.

I would like to say a big thank all of the members of the CCA for their hard work and dedication over the year, and also all of you parents/carers and children who have been so patient with all of the disappointment of postponing and cancelling of events.

I am very excited to see what we can achieve and what events we can hold in 2021/22.

One final thing - we are looking to change our name from CCA to something else, and also adopt a Constitution (something we haven't had before). More details with regards to this (and the voting for the new name) will take place after the Election of Committee members.

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