

Financial Report for CCA

For the period of 13/11/2020 to 10/01/2022

Balance as at 10/01/2022 £5257.47

Our achievements

Due to the constraints placed upon us since the last AGM, we were unable to hold a large number of our usual events. This meant no Summer Fair for the 2nd year running, as well as no Christmas discos, no Christmas shopping events, no cake sales and no quiz night.

We therefore had to look at other ways to raise funds whilst keeping to the safety guidelines. We heard about an online PTA raffle which gives half of the cost of every ticket sold back to the school, and so far we have participated in 3 raffles and received £585.00 in return. As a result, we will continue to take part in further raffles and hopefully add to our amazing total.

At the end of the school year last July, we were permitted to hold a no contact ice lolly sale after school, which made £107.35. In addition to this, we had accumulated a very large amount of pre-loved uniform and thanks to fantastic advertising and online selling by our Chair, plus one physical after school sale in December, we have raised £458.00 in this last year alone.

The raffles, uniform and ice lolly sales gave us a cumulative profit of £1150.35, which I am pleased with given the circumstances. Hopefully the end is in sight for the current event restrictions, which will allow us to return to holding our much missed events such as the Summer Fair.

Giving something back

Following the limitations on events, in December 2020 we organised an in-house competition titled 'When I Grow Up' across the whole school which the children could enter via a poem, picture or drawing. All years enjoyed taking part and one winner from each year group was awarded a £10 National Book Token.

It was previously agreed that we would give a yearly donation towards any event or activity being arranged for that year's Year 6 leavers. As such, we gave the July 2021 leavers a £500 donation towards the cost of the coach for their day trip to Black Rock Outdoors in Somerset, where the children participated in various outdoor activities. This year's leavers are going to school camp in June, and we will again be donating £500 towards the transport cost.

In order to hold the ice lolly sale, we had to borrow a number of cool boxes and bags from several sources, and it was evident that we would benefit from having some of our own which could be used for future events. After looking at various options, we purchased two very large cool boxes at a cost of £137.74 and we are looking forward to using them at this year's Summer Fair.

As a group, we had discussed providing something to welcome families joining Wallscourt. We came up with a New Starter Pack in the form of a bag consisting of a tea bag and biscuit bar, a packet of tissues, a poem and some information on who we are. Our first lot of bags were given out to the September 2021 starters and after receiving positive feedback from recipients, we will continue this with future intakes.

After we were advised that the December 2021 disco would need to be postponed, we looked at ways to still give the children something to enjoy. We had been made aware that a number of schools in the same position had opted to purchase a digital pantomime. This is a pre-recorded pantomime to allow for limited contact whilst keeping the tradition of interaction with the children. From the range of options available, we chose Aladdin and spent £90.00 on a one month pass to allow the school to show it to all year groups individually throughout December. Upon speaking to a number of children across the school, this appears to have been very well received and enjoyed by all, and was definitely worth trying something different.

We have mentioned previously our long term goal, which was to fund some playground equipment. After much discussion between ourselves and the school, it was agreed that instead of the provision of physical equipment, we would pay for thermoplastic playground markings from Fun & Active Playgrounds. This included a Mile-A-Day track which would cover both playground areas. This was carried out at the beginning of December 2021 at a cost of £2110.50, and we are hoping that once the weather improves, all of the children will benefit from using the markings.

Overall, since the last AGM we have spent £3001.54. Due to the decrease in income, this has impacted notably on our existing funds. However, we are hopeful that with the ongoing support of the school community and the lifting of restrictions, we can return to planning future events and making them as successful, if not more, as in previous years.