

Firstly I would like to welcome and thank everyone attending our very first virtual PTA AGM. And of course extend my thanks to those who have contributed their thoughts and questions in advance of the meeting. It is only through the support and generosity of all of you that we are able to achieve so much for our Robins.

Ordinarily this would be a lengthy report detailing the many successes of the PTA during the last academic year, but as you all know the 2019/2020 academic year was different. We started our year with fantastic ideas, and an ambitious target for our fundraising but our ambitions were brought to a close abruptly in March.

Our first event of the year was of course the Monster Ball, as always a great success with just a minor hiccup with some of the toys available for sale. Following on from the previous year we maintained an entry only ticket price with food available at the event; and treat sized snacks. The Monster Ball is a much anticipated event for many of the children and will be sadly missed this year.

Our next and of course final event of the year was the Christmas fair. Pulling the fair together was a mammoth task with many people involved and I would like to say thank you to everyone who worked together to make it happen, and everyone who attended and supported the effort so generously it makes it all worthwhile. We made some changes this year, to ensure that the tree of surprises did not sell out too quickly - these changes worked well, with some people winning smaller prizes and a limit on the number of 'prizes' each person could purchase. The tree was still fantastically popular and did sell out but more people had the opportunity to play which was our aim.

And that was that, we were setting up for Easter Bingo when everything changed. The events that we held were fantastic and raised sums of money that were beyond our expectations and I am confident that had this been any other year we would have smashed our target but it was not to be.

2020 has been challenging in so many ways, but in that challenge is an opportunity for our PTA to try some new things and some different ways of supporting our amazing school and brilliant Robins. As we move into this year's fundraising things are going to be different, but different doesn't mean worse - we have some fantastic ideas already coming through and I have no doubt there will be more to follow.

Thank you for the support and generosity you showed last year, and may this academic year be better for all of us.

Claire Howarth-Platt
Vice-Chair