

## **President Report 2022-3**

With a new committee this year, I am delighted to report a superb year of fund raising and opportunities for the children. I have been very impressed with the way the new committee has quickly formed, taken over successful events and also created some new ones too.

Bearing in mind the PTA are working mums , it is extremely impressive how their own lives have been able to be juggled to ensure such amazing benefits for the school.

### **How the PTA helped the School community during 2022-3**

With monies already in the PTA bank account at the start of September 2022, namely a very healthy £23, 875, the year started off well with our huge fundraiser of the Year-our Fireworks event. As such the event took more than previously and raised a whopping £17,255 in profit. An amazing effort and a hugely enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to everyone for their amazing efforts here. In summary the following successful events took place and I especially liked the Year group Bake Sales which I look forward to continuing in 2023-4.

- 2023 challenge- a new event raising over £2000
- Break the rules
- Low cost second hand uniform-massively improved and popular from previous years (possibly reflecting the cost of living crisis)
- Gifts for Fathers Day and Mothers Day
- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fayre
- School Discos
- Bake Sales
- Our hugely successful community Fireworks event
- Subscriptions (up on previous year by £1000)

In total the PTA raised an amazing £37,307 an increase of £8000 from the previous year and by far the most we have ever raised as a school PTA. This is an incredible achievement.

The huge efforts and fundraising enable the school to benefit in the following ways:

- Provision of whole school Happy Mind (Mental well being package for pupils and families)
- New resurfaced playground for use in sports and PE and at playtime for games.

- Funding Enrichment Days
  - School Workshops throughout the year
  - A year of Clarinet lesson from Tuning Up for Year 6 pupils.
- This totaled £39,000 to the school , with a massive thank you from the school and all the parents of all families at WBJS.

Moving forward we have completed Phase one of our playground improvements and now look to Phase 2 and other possible ventures in an ever increasing difficult time for funding for schools.

On behalf of everyone at WBJS-Thank you to our wonderful PTA committee members and helpers. It is MUCH appreciated.

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