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CHAIR'S REPORT YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2020

I would personally like to say a BIG thank you to everyone that has been involved in raising money for Wildmoor Heath School. I am so proud of the amount of time and effort parents/carers have given up, to help support events and their generosity has raised an amazing £6,958.07 this year, which is an incredible achievement considering we stopped fund raising in March due to Covid-19! All of this would not be possible without the organisation and hard work from the PTA committee, who give up a lot of spare time and put their heart & soul into each event – For this I am truly thankful.

Wildmoor Heath PTA exists for the purpose of raising funds for the school that can be used to improve the experience of its pupils, whilst organising events that provide an opportunity for pupils and their families to come together as a community and for everyone to enjoy. 2019/20 saw a range of fundraising events held throughout the year to fulfil both purposes.

Activities included the family camp, night walk, Christmas fair, sponsored walk, break the rules day, Happy Bags & crazy hair day. We are constantly looking to introduce new and fresh events along-side our popular regular events. It's very rewarding to see them enjoyed by so many members of the Wildmoor Heath community.

In keeping with our commitment to ensure that monies raised are spent for the benefit of the pupils in a timely manner, £3326.14 has been allocated to the school in 2019/2020. As in past years, PTA funds have covered both enrichment and physical items including our regular £10 per head contribution towards school trips, literacy resources, sports equipment, a visit to school from the 'Life Bus', pantomime and more.

We are very lucky to have a supportive parent/carer community who engage in our events and activities, both as volunteers offering their time to make them happen, and by attending events and spending their money once there. These events could not happen without you and we thank you all for your ongoing commitment. These thanks are extended to the Wildmoor Heath staff, who give their time to help make our endeavours a success – we are incredibly grateful.

In 2020/21 we will be looking for inventive ways to raise money for the school during this strange and challenging times, however, I am positive with our strong community spirit we will be able to raise money for our school. We would also be interested to hear from the school community – children, parents/carers, staff – whether there is anything else you would like to see in terms of the events we run and the support we provide.

In the current education funding climate where budgets are being stretched even further and Covid-19, PTA funds are an increasingly essential part of the school's overall budget and so we will be looking to do our very best for the coming year. We are excited to be working with Mrs Semper and we will continue to work with her and other staff members to identify spending priorities.

As we enter this new academic year we are looking forward once again to helping the school provide the resources needed to create the best learning environment possible for all our children.

Kelly Charles
Chair of Wildmoor Heath PTA