

## **WISPA AGM REPORT**

### **1st October 2021**

The return to school following the pandemic lockdown of Spring and Summer 2020 marked a large change in the options for fundraising for WISPA. We had already missed our usual late Spring and Summer events for the 2019/2020 school year, and despite the return to school, Covid restrictions meant that our regular events would once again not be possible for the 2020/21 year.

During the course of the year, we were however able to run a few socially distanced fundraisers thanks to the ingenuity and generosity of a number of parents and were able to generate a total of £3,900 and make grants of £2,650. The year end balance of account is a little over £11,000.

#### **AUTUMN TERM – September to December 2020**

**Total raised - £1,434**

Events:

- Halloween dress down
- Pumpkin Hunt (with Junior WJSPA)
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Crazy Hair Day
- Christmas raffle (online)

**Grants Made - £370**

Every child was gifted a book delivered by Father Christmas.

#### **SPRING TERM – January to March 2021**

**Total raised - £444**

Events:

- Bath bomb kit
- Easter Eggs hunt map sales

**Grants Made - £1,700**

To support the school's efforts in online learning during the Winter / Spring lockdown, WISPA funded additional book licenses for the Bug Club programme. Additionally, ahead of the children returning to school, WISPA also funded the purchase of wet weather games for each class.

Each year, WISPA funds Incredible Eggs for Foundation classes. Due to lockdown, year 1 classes had missed out on this during their EYFS stage, so WISPA funded this experience for both EYFS and year 1 during this year.

Leavers t-shirts from 2020 was also paid during this period.

## **SUMMER TERM – April to July 2021**

### **Total Raised - £1,700**

At the usual time of the London Marathon, our children ran their own marathon, raising £1,700. This was an excellent Covid 'bubble' friendly fundraiser, with minimal input from WISPA committee, and only £32 of expenses for medals for the children.

### **Grants Made - £580**

In previous years, WISPA has funded the Year 2 leavers party and gifts. This year, we were unable to provide an all-year event, so we were fortunate to be able to arrange a magician to entertain the children outside, in class bubbles. Together with the traditional leavers t-shirts, the grant totalled £580.

2021 / 2022 funding requests received (estimated costs) – some requests are carried over from 2020.

- STEPS training for staff; dealing with difficult behaviours –£800
- SeeSaw software; £150
- e-Safety; £1,000
- Christmas Panto; £550
- Incredible Eggs; £300
- Year 2 leavers celebrations; £600

### **TOTAL £3,400**

Despite an incredibly difficult year for all in the school community, we have been fortunate to be able to run a small number of events and achieve a good level of fundraising with the invaluable help of our fantastic WISPA volunteers. We would like to thank them, the staff at Writtle Infant School, and the parents, carers, family and friends of our children who have given their time and money so generously.

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1<sup>st</sup> October 2021