



Annual General Meeting 20th September 2023

Chair's report 2023

General remarks

Despite the academic year 2022-2023 seeming to be slightly “quieter” compared to the year before, the PSA actually ran 13 fundraising activities – the same number as the year before - and raised £4,038 (excluding Ball sponsorship and early ticket sales which has raised a further £1,200). This is only slightly below the average for the years 2016-2019, and an impressive feat in a challenging year.

The primary focus of 2022-23 was to make as many events happen as we could, given the limitations of volunteer numbers and competition from external events such as additional Bank Holidays owing to the King's Coronation. To ensure fundraisers went ahead, events such as Christmas Fair and Campover were slightly pared back in terms of scale but were still successful in terms of raising funds and ensuring PSA presence in the school community. A key objective for 2023-2024 will be to build on this and raise the profile of the PSA, particularly among newer parents and pupils who won't have had the benefit of experiencing pre-covid PSA events.

There were relatively few requests from School for funds this year, though this has followed a two-year period where the PSA has given over £11,000 to the school for various projects, and there are a healthy number of new requests for the coming year.

The Chair is very grateful to the very small number of volunteers who did an incredible job of fulfilling committee roles, Trustee roles, and taking on the lion's share of event planning and organising, including organising the 2024 May Ball. The Chair is also very appreciative of all the help from the many parents, carers, and older siblings who helped to run events on the day.

It is also heartening to have had an influx of more regular volunteers from the end of the Summer Term, and I am looking forward to working with new and seasoned volunteers alike to build a really strong series of fundraisers in 2023-24.

Finance Summary

The bank balance was £10,355.84 on 19th September 2022 and £9,628.75 on 19th September 2023. There are outstanding cheques of £671.45. It is great to see the bank account looking buoyant again, though it should be noted that £1,200 of this is Ball Sponsorship and ticket pre-sales, and there will be ball costs to cover before Ball Fundraising comes in.

Gift Aid collected via Just Giving donations contributed £457 to our funds.



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Events and Fundraisers

Tea and Tissues – September 2022

New reception parents were given a small gift bag of individually wrapped tea bags, Kit Kats, and tissues and invited to join PSA volunteers for a welcome cup of tea in the staff room on the first morning of term.

Cost to PSA £0 (parental donation)

New Reception Buddy Gifts – September 2022

As per tradition, the PSA funds a small gift of a soft toy or plushie to be given to each reception child by their Year 6 buddies to welcome them to school.

Cost to PSA £80

Christmas Fair – December 2022

The Christmas Fair was planned on a small format, retaining games for the children and a visit from Father Christmas, as well as a toy / gift tombola and a wine tombola. The ambition for 2023 will be to recruit more planning committee members early, to allow for a bigger event.

Christmas Fair profit: £1,022

Christmas cards – December 2022

Our annual Christmas Cards fundraiser (where pupils' artwork is printed on to Christmas cards for parents to order) went ahead as usual.

Christmas cards profit: £70

Quiz – March 2023

Another fun evening in the Red Lion, Preston. Thanks to Alice and Louise for organizing it again.

Quiz profit: £267

Bags2School – Spring Half Term

This continues to be a good way to add to our funds, but it would be good if we could run it more regularly.

Bags2School: £50

Easter Disco – March 2023

This was a fun event with children also being given an Easter Egg to take home. Unfortunately, at the time of booking the DJ it was unclear whether we would need to stay in class bubbles



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or return to the infants and juniors two session format from pre-covid, so we had to pay the DJ for longer, which contributed to this event making a loss. Nevertheless, the Easter Disco is always a much-loved event by the children, so it was great to see it continue. The Committee will review costs and ticket prices for 2024.

Easter Disco loss £66

May Ball and Old Skool Disco – May 2023

The May Ball Committee had met several times in Autumn 2022 and had got major suppliers lined up for a ball in May 2023. However, with three bank holidays in May 2023 (with the extra one for the King's Coronation), a clash with Kingshott School's own annual May Ball, as well as limited time for people to buy tickets, the Ball Committee felt that it would be better to push the May Ball back to 2024 when parents and the wider community would have more time to plan to attend. The longer lead time will mean guests have longer to pay for ball tickets in instalments if they should wish, as well as for the Ball Committee to secure more sponsorship and donations for the auction and raffle.

To make up for the lack of social event in the school / village calendar, the Ball Committee set about organising an "Old Skool Disco", however, as interest was low as May was a busy month, the event was cancelled. However, we are very grateful to those who purchased tickets to this event and chose to make a donation to the PSA in lieu of a refund.

The Committee will work on pushing event marketing, more early ticket sales, and more sponsorship throughout September, October, and November 2023.

Old Skool Disco ticket sales £140

Ball sponsorship and early ticket sales to date: £1,210

Preston Village Day – July 2023

It was lovely to be invited to participate in Preston' Village Day once again, after a hiatus due to covid restrictions. The PSA put on a range of games for children to join in (such as a coconut shy, spat the rat, hook a duck, and guess the name of the cuddly lion (to coincide with the Red Lion Pub's 40th Birthday). It was a great opportunity for the PSA to be present in the community and we look forward to taking part again in 2024.

Village Day profit: £103

Campover – July 2023

Campover had a slightly revised format with the BBQ being shelved in favour of delicious hot food served in the evening, which was supplied by Jo Lambe from the Red Lion. This was easier to manage in terms of prep / shopping and manning stalls by volunteers and allowed us to keep the footprint of the event to the school field and not use the car park. This improved the flow of foot traffic between



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the stalls and contributed to a more convivial atmosphere. The inclusion of a team quiz in the evening (including physical sports rounds!) was a great success and encouraged families to mingle more than in years when there has been a film screening. Feedback from the event was that the hot foot and quiz elements should be retained next year, and this slightly “easier” format should allow us to go to town with more stalls and games.

Campover profit: £1,028

Colour Run – July 2023

It was great to see the return of this fun event, prompted by a request from Melody who identified it as a great way to use up some powder paint that was due to go in the bin! It's not clear whether the children who ran an impressive three laps of the daily mile track, or the adults who were throwing the powder paint had more fun! The children certainly eared their hot dog and shiny participation medal! Thanks to Faye Frost for taking a lead on organising this.

Colour Run profit: £263

Second Hand Uniform Sales – July 2023

The Chair is very grateful to Carly Robson who has assumed the management of the initiative, including looking after all the stock! Thanks to Carly, Melissa, Keeley, and Felicity who ran a very successful sale after school in the school hall. Although there were some costs associated with uniform (e.g., purchase of a clothes rail to display stock), the take on the day was the most impressive ever seen for school uniform sales and we are already in profit.

School uniform profit: £30

Year 6 Performance refreshments.

The PSA was once again pleased to support the Y6 performance by putting on refreshments in return for cash donations from parents.

Year 6 Performance Profit TBC

Year 6 Leavers' Gifts

As per tradition, the PSA was pleased to contribute to the send-off of the graduating Year 6 pupils by funding leaving gifts of books. The book chosen this year was “The boy, the mole, the fox, and the horse” by Charlie Mackesy.

Year 6 leavers' gifts cost TBC

Give as you earn.

We continue to receive a regular donation made via salary sacrifice, for which we are very appreciative. We publicise the ability to do this again in 2023-24.

Give as you earn contribution: £450



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Just Giving General Appeal

For specific events, we always set up a specific Just Giving Campaign so that we can keep a track of money donated for specific events. However, we have kept open our Just Giving “landing page” which allows people to donate to us on an ad hoc basis.

Just Giving General Appeal: £90

Amazon Smile / Give As You Live / Easy to Label

These initiatives weren't widely advertised in 2022-2023. The committee will revisit them and advertise them better to parents in 2023-2024.

Amazon Smile / Give As You Live: £68