



Wow. What a year.

I'd have panicked in September if you'd told me that we would get to July unable to hold a single in-person event but I feel like we've all got better at managing our expectations! I miss quiz nights and cake stalls and the bottle tombola but I am full of gratitude to everyone who has helped overcome the challenges of this pandemic in the Lea community.

I have a whole new level of respect for what the staff at the Lea do for our kids every day (and I thought they were amazing before).

I am also full of appreciation for all those on the parent body who have supported the PTA this year. Particular love to the Committee and Class Reps for their commitment. From researching and writing grant applications, to developing a 'click & collect' 2nd hand uniform service, moving operations online, continuing to dream up fun ways to raise money and making those things happen.....so much has been done for the PTA this year, much of it unseen and very little of it by me.

We are moving closer to our goal of re-doing the KS2 outside play area and hope to be able to begin work on this next year.

Thank you for whatever you have done to help. And to those of you in Year 6 saying goodbye to the Lea for the last time, we will miss you and we wish you well.

Mary Cullis, PTA Chair

Fundraising highlights from this year....

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped with our remote fundraising this year. **The PTA has received over £10,000** for the school despite the restrictions imposed by Covid.

The **2020 Challenge** raised over **£1500**.

We asked each Lea family to find a creative, Covid-safe way to raise £20.20 by the end of 2020 and you did not disappoint! We were very impressed with your creativity and efforts and the total raised is **funding a new climbing wall in the KS2 playground**. Look out for this when you return in September....

Save the date! Friday September 17th 2021

We have had to postpone our traditional summer fair twice this term but we live in faith that we will be able to bring it back in September. We're hoping we will be able to have many of the traditional fair elements (BBQ & dessert, games, face painting, tombolas, mini-affle, bouncy castles, circus skills, entertainment, 2nd hand uniform sale.....) so plan for your whole family to join us on the field, 3.30-5.30pm, to bring in the new academic year in style. Look out for more information at the start of term.

September will also see the next AGM (date tbc) when we will be electing the new PTA Committee – everyone welcome.

Virgin Money Giving and individual donations

We are always grateful to those families who make regular or one-off anonymous donations to the Lea through VMG. Lots of people have said how they have missed the opportunity to give to the school at events this year and this stream of income has been particularly important over the last 12 months. These donations are handed straight over to the school to be used directly by them, rather than on general PTA projects.

As ever, we have been blown away by your generosity. **This year donations have totalled nearly £6000**. Please visit the PTA page on the school website for further details if you are interested in contributing.

The Virtual Christmas Raffle

raised over **£1100**. Credit to our brilliant Treasurer Lauren Cottle who moved everything online for Covid compliance (we'll never go back) but also to all the Class Reps who worked really hard to organise prize hampers and the many, many families who donated prizes and bought tickets. Thank you!

Thank you to everybody who bought **Christmas Cards and Christmas Trees** which together brought in over **£700** – and particular thanks to Helen Carter and Judi Arichi respectively for organising these.

Thank you also for supporting our **Non-Uniform Days**, which this year raised over **£1000** as a result of your generosity. We're very grateful to Helen Carter for making these happen.