

## Balshaw's Association PTA - AGM - Wednesday 7th October 2020

### Chairman's Report

When we last met as a committee on 4th March, little did we know that all our lives were about to change beyond comprehension as the country and indeed the world began to witness the impact of Covid-19.

The Autumn term was certainly a busy one for the PTA, starting off with another successful race night and followed by a quiz night and then our annual Winter Wonderland event. Our annual Christmas social event was held at La Corte and a good night was had by all.

The Spring term began with a quiz night and lots of plans for the year ahead, including an Easter Bingo, our annual Spring Fair /Family Fun Day and a further 2 quizzes but as we all know, these were sadly unable to go ahead.

Whilst our fund raising activities were cut short, at our last meeting in March the committee were delighted to support all the bids that had been submitted to the PTA, providing funding for a wide variety of departments to purchase much needed resources. These included;

- £2,000 to assist with the re-instatement of the climbing wall
- £2,106 to assist with the purchase of lighting & staging equipment for the drama department
- £4,400 to purchase musical instruments for the music department and to assist with the introduction of musical workshops
- £1,000 to update the non-fiction section in the LRC and
- £2,300 to purchase PE equipment to help develop leadership & team building activities

Tonight, we are holding our first committee meeting of the new school year, albeit in a virtual format via Zoom. Our focus tonight will be to consider the 'new norm' i.e. how we will operate as a PTA in these unprecedented times, thinking about new ways to raise funds whilst at the same time maintaining our focus on building strong relationships between home and school.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those whose lives have been affected by the Coronavirus and our sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of those who have sadly lost their lives.

I'd like to personally thank all the committee members for their continued hard work and dedication to the PTA.