



## **PACT Report 2022/23**

Last academic year was both busy and productive for the PTA as we continue to pride ourselves on being a small but active committee. Our sole purpose being raising funds for treats and enrichment for all children at Hall Meadow Primary School.

The Autumn term started with the Halloween Disco and the Halloween Trail. We tried a non-food disco. However, pupils preferred to have pizza and PACT felt that it was needed too so it was reintroduced for future events. During half term, we operated a free to enter Halloween trail (previously a paid for event) to enable us to make it an inclusive activity. It proved to be very popular and even attracted the attention of non Hall Meadow families. Due to this, we will open up this years 'Scarecrow Trail' to KLV residents too.

As the festive season approached, we worked alongside school staff to produce artwork for the Christmas cards from IQ cards that parents can buy. This was a great fundraiser, however it took a lot of PACT time sorting out payments. Due to this, we have opted for the online ordering and payment method this year.

The wonderful Christmas Fair was yet again, a very profitable event. It was a closed event for pupils only and took part during the school day, with classes moving around the rooms. The teddy stall, chocolate raffle and Splat the Elf were popular PACT activities. Class stalls were also well received and many items completely sold out. Staff felt that they could easily sell more and have asked for a larger PACT contribution this Christmas. PACT also felt that Christmas is a family time and that it would be lovely to involve everyone during this event for 2023. Therefore, the timing will change and outside companies will be invited to have a stall.

Parents were able to buy their children a chocolate selection box that Father Christmas delivered. This wasn't a big profit initiative and a lot of organisation was involved. PACT have decided not to continue with this in 2023 and instead will give each class a set amount of money to buy items that the teachers would like, to enhance the children's classroom experience. Father Christmas will deliver these items instead.

The Wreath Making event and Bottle Tombola were also popular and raised a pleasing amount of money. These events will continue in 2023, with the Wreath making already being booked with thanks to Jen Davidson.

As we progressed into Spring term we did not slow down. We held a 'Mother's Day Afternoon Tea'. This event was open to all significant women in the children's lives. Despite it not being as well attended as hoped, it was a lovely afternoon with ladies enjoying a cream tea and singing from the children. The room and tables were beautifully decorated thanks to Mrs Greasely and our newly purchased tea urn was very useful. We hope to try this event again this year.

We continued the year with a fun bingo evening. It was well attended and raised a pleasing amount of money. The biggest fundraiser this term was the Spring disco, where we brought back pizza.....and Mrs Coles!

A new event was introduced this term, the magic show with 'Magic Paul'. This took place after school and was open to all children. It proved to be very popular and raised a large amount of funds. 'Magic Paul' was very good with the children and would be worth considering again this year.

As we moved into the Summer Term, we held our long awaited Beetle Drive. This event wasn't as well attended as hoped and the monies raised was small. This may have been due to the dates changing for various reasons. We intend to hold this event again this year but with more advertising to attract a bigger crowd.

At the end of the Summer term, the school held their wonderful summer show, 'Cinderella Rockerfeller'. This was an amazing event and the staff and children did themselves very proud. It was very well attended and raised a significant amount of money from the ticket sales commission. Also during this event, PACT ran the Rainbow Raffle. Many tickets were sold, which was made easier after the purchase of the Sum Up machine. Contributions to the raffle were made by parents with each class buying items of a specific colour.

The school held an art exhibition and some commission was made for PACT. Mrs Bodman-Knight suggested running a similar in-house event this year rather than using an outside company.

The year ended with the Summer Fun Day! This is always a very popular event with the children and staff. It's wonderful for PACT to have the opportunity to provide the funds towards this fun day to reward the children and staff for all their hard work during the year. This year there was a climbing wall, archery, bouncy obstacle course, circus skills and Raptorexotic. Many thanks to Miss Pallet for helping to organise this event.

We're also proud to contribute towards the Year 6 leavers hoodies and pay for their SATs breakfast, afternoon tea and autograph books. A lovely way to give the children a great send off after 7 years at Hall Meadow.

Other PACT initiatives that run throughout the year such as: the clothing bin, the School Lottery, Amazon Smile, pre-loved uniform and icecream/sweet sales were also very successful and raised pleasing amounts of money.

We would like to take the opportunity to personally thank all the past and present parents, SLT and school staff who get involved and support whatever is needed to make all our great events possible, it is very much appreciated. It must be remembered that if these events are to be continued then your ongoing support and help is greatly needed.

All these activities have allowed us to contribute to the school, the education and environment of the children during their precious time at Hall Meadow. This year we have contributed significantly. We have purchased: table tennis tables and equipment, picnic benches with umbrellas, popcorn for the Christmas movie, Coronation pins, ice poles for Sports Day are amongst some of the things. We are also proud to have contributed towards the wonderful school garden run by Mrs Mehta, Mrs Hay and Mrs Evans. This is a fantastic space for the children to have and enjoy.

We would like to take this opportunity to make a special note of thanks to the committee, whose help and support is greatly appreciated. We sadly said goodbye this year to many PACT members, including our longstanding Sharon Radcliffe. Sharon was treasurer and on the PACT Committee for many years and we thank her for all that she did.

Finally, we offer a warm welcome to our new parents and encourage them to get involved with our very active PTA. It's a great way to make new friends and gives so many opportunities to get involved as a family with all that Hall Meadow has to offer, whilst having fun and raising funds allowing us to give the children fantastic experiences and contribute to the enhancement of school life.