

## **Embsay School PTA**

### **Chairperson's Report (2021-2022) Amy O'Neill**

As we surface from the difficulties of 2020-2021 and we return to some kind of normality, the 'new normal' people keep telling me, the PTA here at Embsay School has entered a period of change.

In May this year I was elected as Chair. Stepping into the shoes of my predecessor felt somewhat daunting for me and at this point I would like to say a big thank you to Clare Voelcker for your enduring commitment to the PTA over the years.

As I took the reins, I was keen to get away from the COVID-stricken virtual Zoom meetings, and wanted to bring our committee together with a fresh lease of life. I set about planning my first event, the Summer Fair, I wont sugar coat it; I genuinely thought 'what on earth have I done?' But...

With the help of the PTA team, the staff and all the volunteers on the night, we pulled it off! I hope you will all agree, it was a great success. The two year hiatus really did make the night feel that little more special. In total we raised £2,014.46

Other PTA initiatives/funded projects throughout the year included; Secret Santa, Christmas Pantomime, Mother's Day Gifts, Ice Lolly sales and the Leavers Hoodies. We hope to continue with all of the these and more, as we head (very quickly it seems) into 2023.

The PTA held an EGM on Thursday 3 November where we elected and welcomed two new committee members; Sophie Nicholls, Secretary & Claire Mahoney, Co-Treasurer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA committee, especially Judy Hirst our Co-Chair, who makes this look so effortless (it really isn't).

Extended appreciation and gratitude also go to Fiona and her staff, as well as the whole school community; the parents and children of Embsay School. Your support matters, whether it be through volunteering, donations or participation, these contributions enable our success.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11 January, from 1900 in the Elm Tree. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, we really do need all the help we can get!