

## **Embsay School PTA**

### **Chairperson's Report (2020-2021) Clare Voelcker**

It was a very difficult year for the PTA; with meetings held virtually and none of the usual fundraising events unable to be held due to COVID restrictions. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary were re-elected, and we welcomed a new Treasurer. We knew fundraising was going to be difficult, but we were pleased to start the year with sufficient funds to fund the pantomime, Xmas gifts, Year 6 hoodies and PTA running costs. We had hoped to fundraise for the second phase of playground sports equipment but knew this was going to be extremely challenging. We knew sufficient funds were unlikely to be achieved this year.

Small amounts were raised from Amazon Smile donations and Donations from second hand uniform sales. Families were able to enjoy a '12 days of Christmas trail' around the village over the Christmas holidays. Thank you to the organisers. Large donations were given by two local companies: Tiffany Photography (photograph sales) and Tiffany builders (Garden room sales). The most successful fundraising event was the sponsored 'Three Peaks Challenge', held over the month of June. Many families climbed Embsay crag, Crookrise and Halton heights, raising approximately £2,700. The organisers never anticipated it would make so much so a huge thank you to everyone who took part. All this has meant that a healthy bank balance has been left for 2021/22, which will easily cover its running costs and those activities the PTA usually funds, with a good amount left to go towards phase two of the playground equipment.

I'd like to thank the committee for all the work they have carried out to keep the PTA running smoothly and to all the volunteers not on the committee, who have been on hand all year to help. Thank you too to anyone who gave feedback about the activities as it makes the organisers feel their efforts are appreciated. Thank you too to anyone who has donated money by supporting our activities, donated through Amazon Smile or donated in any other way as we can only run successfully with your support.