

3) Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

Fundraising and Donations

Our net income directly attributable to fundraising events, including regular and ad-hoc donations, for this year was £20,205, which is in line with the prior year. Notably the direct expenses for each event have increased significantly due to the inflationary environment we have seen over the last 12 months so we should be proud of the net outcome but we will need to continue to be diligent in controlling event expenses as they continue to rise.

Payments to the School

The most significant financial support given by the PTA to the school for the benefit of the children remains the funding of the two school mini-buses. However, due to the timing of payments for the lease, the PTA did not provide the funds in this financial year, hence the accounts reflect a healthy surplus. The renewal of the lease will be paid out in the financial year 2024/25 and we would expect it to be higher than in previous years due to the significant increase in interest rates and the likely requirement to renew the vehicles.

Overall Surplus

As the minibuses have not been funded in this accounting period, the financials therefore show an overall surplus of £19,544 for the year. This may feel like a healthy position to be in but the surplus is effectively already committed to the contribution the PTA makes to the retention of the minibuses. These give amazing access to facilities and activities, which enrich our children's education, and allow us, as a small village school, to "punch above our weight" in terms of extra-curricular opportunities. The effort that has come from the PTA this year, and in prior years, to be in the position to fund the minibuses should not be underestimated. The Committee therefore remain of the view that the funding of the minibuses should continue to be a priority expense for the PTA.

The cash position as at 31st August 2024 is £49,650 (£30,106 brought forward plus the 2023/24 surplus of £19,544).

Financial Risks

With regards to the health of the charity's financial position as we move forward, there are several risks, threats and challenges I would like to highlight for us all to be mindful of as we plan for the future.

a) Match-funding

Over the last few years we have been privileged to benefit from one of the school dads being able to match-fund the entire amount raised from the summer fair through his employer. He is no longer able to do this so although we raised a healthy sum from the 2024 fair, this will not be doubled as it has been in prior years. The net surplus of £19,544 reported for this financial year includes the match-funded amount of £5,689 from the 2023 summer fair.

For many local schools, a large proportion of the funds raised through PTA activities come from the match-funding opportunities available through parents and the surrounding community. If anyone is aware of their employer offering a match-funding scheme (most large corporates do!) then please come and speak with the Committee.

Match-funding is relevant to any of the events the PTA runs, not just the large 'flagship' fundraising events, namely the Christmas and Summer fairs.

b) Pupil Numbers

As with all schools, pupil numbers fluctuate. 2024 saw the departure of a sizeable Year 6 class and the arrival of a fairly small Reception class. We should all be aware of this backdrop and how a reduction in family numbers can have a potential impact on fundraising.

c) Sociability

As was raised at last year's AGM by both the previous PTA Chair and Treasurer, there has been a decline in appetite across the school community for attending social events over the last few years. Summer socials and the Christmas St Julians event for example, have not taken place due to lack of interest.

This undoubtedly has a direct impact on fundraising but moreover it has an impact on families getting to know each other across year groups, supporting each other through the primary school journey and building a strong community.

Looking ahead to the new school year, we're focused on encouraging the Weald community spirit and adapting event ideas to facilitate people getting to know each other and having fun. We hope everyone will be along for the ride!

Fundraising bits and bobs

We can never take fundraising for granted! We are a charity and totally rely on the commitment, enthusiasm, energy and ideas from the parents, children and teaching community. To that end, we are always looking out for small on-going initiatives that are low-effort but can bring in additional funds. I'd like to raise awareness of the following three examples:

Just Giving – we now have our own fund raising page! Anyone can make a donation through the Weald Community Primary School PTA fund raising page or, link it to their own, as Steve Frapwell did for his cycling fund-raiser.

Easyfundraising – we are set up on the Easyfundraising platform. With just a quick download of the app, you can shop with over 7000 brands and a percentage donation will be made to us.

ASDA Cashpot For Schools – we have signed up for the ASDA scheme which is running until 30th November 2024. We will receive £1 for every person who signs up via the ASDA Rewards app plus a % of your shopping bill.

Thank you!

I would like to add my heartfelt thanks to that of the Chair's. It's been an absolute privilege to work as part of the PTA team and the wider school community over the last year. Thank you all for the fun, the laughs, the ideas, the stress, the support and the amazing teamwork! We should be very proud of what we have achieved. In addition, a very big thank you to the Committee for indulging in my passion for detail and spreadsheets.

Shane Draper, Treasurer, Weald CP School PTA September 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st September 2023

To

31st August 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	2,058	-	-	2,058	1,914
Fund raising activities	23,958	-	-	23,958	25,087
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,016	-	-	26,016	27,001
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,016	-	-	26,016	27,001
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses for the benefit of the school	47	-	-	47	16,002
Expenses associated with fund raising	5,812	-	-	5,812	6,295
General expenses	613	-	-	613	342
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,472	-	-	6,472	22,639
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,472	-	-	6,472	22,639
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,544	-	-	19,544	4,362
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,106	-	-	30,106	25,744
Cash funds this year end	49,650	-	-	49,650	30,106

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	49,368	-	-
	Cash in hand	283	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,650	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SHANE DRAPER	18/3/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
Weald Community Primary School PTA

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1039019

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Remember to 'include the page numbers of additional sheets'

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

17/3/25

Name:

Mrs Karen Wicks

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Accountant

Address:

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None.