

# JFA Chairman's Report 2019/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly I would like to welcome you all to our AGM this evening and I do hope you are all well and in good spirits in these unprecedented times.

We started the year full of enthusiasm with a number of events planned with the same emphasis as previous years to engage with the school, parents, pupils past and present in the hope of raising much needed funds for the John Fisher School.

At the beginning of the year Mrs Daniels (Dush) was kind enough to arrange a Year 7 BBQ at plough lane and it was a great way of for the New Year group to get to know other parents and some of the JFA members. This was then followed by a Race Night and of course our annual Christmas tree event. Both of which were a great success and although we are unable to hold another Race Night this year we have just launched the Christmas Tree fundraiser.

Going into the New Year we had a fantastic St Patrick's Night with live music, food and drink and who would have thought it would be the last time we could get together this year. With the outbreak of Covid-19 everything was put on hold and our main fundraiser, the school Fate, had to be cancelled.

The impact of Covid-19 on the school was becoming more and more evident and after quick catch up with the school it was Marion Colvert who came up with the idea of helping students directly in this time of need.

So with the help of the Mr McCullagh and Mr Dean we launched an initiative called Funding Fishers Future where we set about to raise money in order to buy study aids and equipment for vulnerable students whilst working throughout the Covid-19 lockdown. The initial target was set at £2,000 which was quickly reached and within 8 weeks we managed to raise over £20,000 with £7,000 donated by Marion's Company, TU Fund Managers LTD; thank you Marion. This was an amazing amount of money to raise and what made it so special was that the donations came from parents, local business and pupils who had long left the school.

To date we have delivered over 74 laptops to these families and if I could just share with you some of the messages we received

"I am extremely grateful for this generosity. It will make a massive difference to how I can complete my homework and I no longer need to worry"

"My son will now be able to do his work now and not worry, it will make his life a lot happier"

"I feel so humbled to let you know that I really appreciate the gift"

In addition to this the JFA donated £10,000 towards additional laptops and equipment to support the staff at the school. It was agreed that with the ever changing circumstance at the school it was vital that members of staff could keep continuous communication with the pupils. Now that the school has returned we will continue to help the most vulnerable where we can and Funding Fishers Future will remain a part of the JFA agenda.

The JFA all ways supports the school across all departments where possible and this year we donated £10,664.99 raised from previous events and this goes towards supporting the school in the following departments:

- design and Technology
- Art
- History and English
- Food Tech
- And PE

Over the past 3 years we have donated over £50,000 to these departments and it is vital that we continue to support the school wherever we can and continue to be as resourceful as possible moving forward.

Thank you Brigid Judson who also applied to the M&G Plc Community fund and we were awarded £1700. This is a fantastic amount of money which again will go direct to the school.

Finally, I would like to say a special thanks to Mr McCullagh, Mr Dean and the rest of the John Fisher staff for all their hard work throughout the year and especially over the past 8 months. From a personal point of view my son has just started year 7 and the way he has settled in has been seamless and it's a credit to the school.

Thanks again to everyone for all their support and help throughout the year it really would not be possible without you.

Keep Safe

Mark Spain

Chair JFA

Year 7 BYO BBQ £120.00  
 Race Night: £700.00  
 Christmas Trees: £2,241.00  
 St Patricks Night: £1,280.66  
 Funding Fishers Future: £20,152.94  
**This gave a net Profit £24,494.60**

**Income for year 2019/2020**

Event	Income	Expenditure	Profit
Year 7 BBQ	£120	£0	£120.00
Race Night	£1,350	£650	£700.00
Christmas Trees	£4,577.50	£2,336.50	£2,241.00
St Patricks Night	£2,875.25	£1,594.59	£1,280.66
Funding Fish Fr	£20,152.94	£0	£20,152.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>£29,075.69</b>	<b>£4,581.09</b>	<b>£24,494.60</b>



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Dear Sirs

I hereby verify that the income and expenditure items presented for The John Fisher Association have been scrutinised and are an accurate account as reported.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Warne".

**Robert Warne**  
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