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Teacher's report for AGM 2024

I would like to thank the committee for their continuous support and for some fabulous events that were organised over the past year. I believe that all of you will agree that this year proved to be one of the most challenging yet.

Despite the Covid restrictions easing, we have seen a steady drop in attendance. Massive thank you to the ever-decreasing group of parents who are supporting the school sessions as well as many events. The excuses given by some of the local families is wearing thin and I am ready to throw the proverbial towel into the ring.

But the year has not been just gloom and doom, the massive positive for me have been the private lessons – I see the progress of the children who attend these and we are able to work on continuing themes and build up vocabulary as well as confidence of the students.

One session a week will not teach our children Czech language, but if they have some basics from home, we could work towards building sentences, asking for items of interest, being able to answer questions about themselves or participating in Czech games. I spend considerable time searching for ideas for each lesson, but never knowing who is going to turn up, what level of understanding of Czech I am to face is wearing thin.

Over the last year we have noted the decreased attendance not only in school but in many of our events and this is very disheartening. The committee will spend hours planning and preparing various events, but when even previously well attended events such as Easter will only receive a handful of people joining in, one starts wondering if it's time to call it quits. Alternatively, we need to look into a different direction and not organise school but concentrate on group sessions with a theme? It appears that our events such as climbing, ZOO trips or treasure hunts are fairly popular, so maybe that is the way to move forward.

Should I be elected again, this is likely going to be the last year, as I am ready to pass the teaching baton to someone who can again bring hordes of families wishing to attend school.

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