

PTFA Chair's Report

The PTFA exists to enrich the lives of our children in their early education, by supporting a sense of community & raising funds to develop the life and work of the school, through the provision of resources and activities. The 2019/2020 year has been like no other. Never could we have imagined that when school and the work of the PTFA began in September that our 'normal' activity would end so abruptly in March when all schools were closed when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. For some of us, a 'new normal' began when Reception and Year 1 children were able to return to school in June. For those of us with children in Year 2, we remain eternally grateful that school chose to acknowledge the importance of marking the end of our children's time at DVIS, with a week of fun, albeit it bubbled and socially distanced activities.

The 2019/20 school year got off to a great start in September with a jam-packed calendar of events and fundraising projects in the Autumn term that culminated with the annual Christmas Frost Fair two weeks ago. A huge thank you to **Eleni Wilde** and her team (**Aminah, Olivia, Magda, John, Ally and Hester**), the class reps for driving the recruiting for the day and the vast team of volunteers who worked behind the scenes to pull off a day family fun and fundraising. There is always a huge amount of work involved and every jingle jar assembled, biscuits and cakes baked, fresh popcorn made, sausages cooked, books and toys sorted and grotto assembled takes a huge amount of volunteer time and the amount raised represented a significant increase on the total raised in previous years. The raffle was brilliantly led by **Ambra Gambini** and her team - **Brian Horgan, Charlotte Cuevas** and **Olivia Bampfylde** and with significant match funding raised significantly more than ever before. Alongside all the volunteer work that goes into fundraising we are also very generously supported by local businesses; **Pedder Estate Agents** (Christmas Frost Fair advertising boards and Christmas Pantomime), **Knight Frank** (for sponsoring the raffle), **William Rose Butchers, Wing Tsun** for running the martial arts workshops, **Maria Pieri** for donation of decorations, **London Beer Company, Bread Bread Bakery** (for donating the hot dog buns) and **Kick London** and **Dulwich Hamlet Women's Football Team** for running Beat the Goalie. Special thanks to **John Berridge** and **Rev Buckler** for playing key roles in the Grotto, **Ina** and **Val Moterizzi** for all their help in producing all the artwork. Thanks also to **Harry Gordon**, the School Premises Manager, for all the unending support he offers the PTFA.

Ally Wilson, supported by **Alannah Hogg**, drove several initiatives in making the event more sustainable including replacing plastic prizes, discounted drinks for those with reusable cups, driving recycling ethos with driving toy stalls, bouncy balls for prizes. Mrs King was also able to select a number of books to bolster school book supplies and Year 2 parent, **Tamsin Symonds**, sorted and cleaned cuddly toys and books which were donated to Barry House.

Thanks also to **Michaela Lawrence** and **Alice Gardiner** for organising a fun night of dancing and revelry at Bel Air House under the guises of the Parent Christmas Social, **Jess Merron** and **Jo Rodger** for running the Tea Towel and Tote Bag project, **Julika Pettigrew** and **Gemma Haywood** for running the Christmas Card project, **Lynda de Cruce Grubb** for the Nativity

Photo project and **Silene Shipman** and **Lyndsey** for driving the very successful second hand uniform 'shopping mornings'.

At the beginning of 2020, the PTFA facilitated a successful online appeal to raise the money required to install a further Ivy "Green Screen" at the Francis site on the corner of Dulwich Village and Turney Road. Ivy green screens have a dual effect, both blocking the harmful pollutants as a barrier at vehicle exhaust height and capturing them on the surface area of the leaves. The pollutants that are captured are then simply washed away by rain, removing them entirely from the local environment allowing the ivy leaves to repeat the process. As the green screens are pre-grown and full height, their impact is immediate. As the ivy matures further and thickens, the benefit will increase. Every child at the school benefits from cleaner, safer air straight away and the screen will further benefit the local community with its aesthetic, environmental and air cleansing properties. This reduction in pollution will benefit the wider community as well as those at the school.

February saw the return of our famous Quiz Night with fish and chip supper, which again, raised more money than the previous year. A huge thank you to the group of Receptions Dads from Riley class, **Rupert Snuggs, James Ross, Tony Rooke** and **Sam Fishbourne** who pulled together a fantastic quiz and a great night.

And finally, a big thank you to **Olivia Wallace** who, on the day that schools were required to close in March, single-handedly with the support of the school staff team ensured the smooth delivery of the most wonderful Mother's Day gift shop.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on the work of the PTFA and how we are able to do things. Throughout this most unusual of times, the PTFA has continued, with the backing of all its parents, to work hard to support the work of the school. The demands on the school and the PTFA's funds and resources have been and continue to be significant and we are immensely grateful that so many of you have been able to be so generous. We set an ambitious target for our Special Fundraising Appeal over the summer, knowing that our summer fundraising programme, and in particular, our summer fair wasn't able to happen. The response was phenomenal, and a staggering amount was raised. The school was having to bear significant COVID-19 related costs and your generosity has meant that we have been able to provide the support that the school has needed so far. Thank you all so much.

Special thanks also to two of our Year 1 parents, Anna and Leila who over the summer, when the PTFA was at its most restricted in terms of its ability to run events and raise money, came up with the fabulous "Dulwich Village Detectives – Lockdown Investigation", which helped raise some money for the PTFA, but more importantly, provided us and our friends and family with an afternoon of socially distanced excitement and entertainment in Dulwich Park, just at the point that we needed it!

The end of any school year brings with it the sadness as we inevitably say goodbye to the talents of our committee members and supporters. Enormous thanks to my CoChair Kira Owen, from whom I learnt so much and Kate Boydell who led much of the website and online work of the group. When it became apparent that Year 2 were not going to return before the end of the school year, other than for the final week that was facilitated by the

school, they and other committee members with children who left the school in July, led a very special programme of work that was supported by the PTFA, and included a leavers hoodie for every child in year 2 as well as a beautiful 'Year Book' that celebrated the contribution of every child in the year and their time at DVIS. All your efforts and contributions were much appreciated, and you will be missed!

The nature of COVID-19 and the way that it has impacted on all our lives, has meant that our opportunities to create a community where we can mix, mingle and get to know each other better have been limited. We are, however, grateful for all the support, enthusiasm, and encouragement that we have received. We look forward to working with you all and hope that we can continue to rely on your support, this year and for the years that you have children at this incredibly special school.

With warmest thanks,

Megan Pacey, PTFA Co-Chair



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

DULWICH VILLAGE INFANTS SCHOOL PARENT TEACHERS FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1044321

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Signed:

Date:

28.06.21

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