

The 22/23 school year was an incredibly successful one for the PTA. Our many events throughout the year raised a significant amount of money, and we were able to use this to fulfil the 'wish list' provided to us at the start of September.

The school uniform shop kicked off term one and raised £132, followed by the Fancy Dress disco mid-term which was a popular event and raised a huge £718.00. In the run up to Christmas the PTA funded a pantomime for the kids and the launched the Christmas Elf raffle which raised £305.00, with our main fundraiser of term one being the Christmas ballot. This was really well supported by local businesses and our school community, and we raised £3,564.42. This was a huge step toward our goal of being able to supply iPads to every classroom. Once again the PTA were able to invite Santa along and provided selection boxes for all of Santa's favourite pupils at DPS. We also received the final instalment from the previous year's CO-OP fund which was just over £1800 which we were very grateful for.

To cheer everyone up in January the PTA organised a Funky Friday and raised £283.81. We followed this up by a Kids make the Rules Day which everyone seemed to really enjoy, and it raised £626.00. Our ever-popular Mother's Day shop raised just over £600, when we had taken out the expenses. With these funds we were able to purchase our first round of iPads and also a batch of ukeleles for those KS2 pupils keen to learn with Mr Claxton.

Our sponsored event last year was the Inflatable course provided by Ganaway, this was another brilliant success and came in at £4176.59, all children got chocolate lollies as an Easter treat.

The summer term was a busy one. Our former chair Louise Madine had successfully applied for a council grant for the Coronation celebrations, so we used the £500 and sourced pin badges as keepsakes for all the pupils in order to commemorate such an historic event. The Father's day shop was also a success as usual it was well supported raising over £700 after deducting expenses. The KS2 play was a great opportunity to run a raffle and we raised £546.00. Finally we finished the year off with a Shorts and Shades Disco which was shockingly popular- it raised over £1000- £1049.00! The PTA would like to thank those teachers who generously supported this by giving up their Friday night and safeguarding! It was thanks to you that we were able to run that event.

Needless to say, we were able to buy a second batch of iPads, making a grand total of 30, and cover other things such as final payments for the outdoor learning area and also to ensure Mr Trevor Octave's PE classes were continued as they are so well loved. We also were able to ensure that our P7 leavers had a gift each to remember their time at DPS and an ice cream for luck.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the PTA to the (anonymous) parent who continues to donate an amount every month as part of a salary sacrifice. I would personally like to thank Catherine Gout and Susan Dennis in the office for all their help in my first year as Treasurer, and of course to Pauline Haggan and Louise Madine who put so much effort into their years in the PTA and their support to me when trying to balance spreadsheets. Last year was a huge success all round.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity (while she is still here to hear it!) to say thank you to Heather. I think she has done a fantastic job this year and I would have been lost without her. Heather has done this for 8 years now and I would like to say on behalf of the PTA thank you. You are the most dedicated bargain hunter I have ever had the fortune to volunteer with and I will miss you.