



What a year it has been for our vibrant, energetic DSA committee!

Despite the restrictions we have all lived with we have been able to hold many fund-raising events during the academic year and we want to take the time to thank you for your engagement, enthusiasm and support!

### **2020 & 2021 Fund Raisers**

Starting with our **fireworks night** in November, a scaled down version of our great community event, we were thrilled we were able to delight the children with their own fireworks and hotdog night. We launched our very successful **Christmas Hamper** raffle with focus on supporting local businesses who have been impacted by lockdown, we had 5 lucky winners and received amazing feedback. The team did a fantastic job in procuring the contents and presenting the hampers beautifully. February brought a chance to **decorate your own cake** / biscuits at home and send us in pictures, we had some wonderful entries and judging was very hard. Well done to all the winners. Online cheese and **wine tasting** was our next online event with a wonderful evening trying new wines. An online event that got both parents and children laughing was our **Magic and Comedy show**, what a treat and a couple of surprised parents and children who were chosen to participate during the show! After the success of the **Christmas Hampers** we created some beautiful Easter focused hampers going to another 5 lovely winners.

During the summer term, the team have all been focused on the preparation for our summer fete which will be another wonderful event, sadly, it has been postponed but rest assured, all plans remain and we are looking forward to seeing you on our new date in September.

**NEW! Pre-loved uniform** – The DSA has taken over the running of the pre-loved uniform, thank you to all of you for your kind donations! Easter term was very busy as parents prepared for the cricket season and change to summer uniform. At some point we are hoping to move the stock into school, in the meantime a big thanks to Adri for storing it at her home!

If you require uniform, the current process is to send us an email [thedownsschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:thedownsschoolassociation@gmail.com) with your uniform request.

Despite having to postpone the fete the committee have been able to provide inflatable entertainment and fun for the pre-prep and prep sports events. Thank you to all of you who have generously donated during the year which enabled us to treat the children.

### **Future Events in planning 2021/2022**

Summer Fete 12.00pm – 15.00pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Summer Party – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - sure to be a much-needed whole school celebration!

### **Supporting the School and Children**

We were thrilled to once again be able to support Arts Week, it's a wonderful week of activity and I know it's a firm favourite week at school for lots of the children.

As a result of the wonderful fundraising we are delighted to be able to support the development of the new libraries to create an inspiring space for reading, we can't wait to see it in September.

Please follow us on Instagram @downs\_school\_association and Facebook @DownsSchoolAssociation where we promote all of our events and spotlight our committee members!

We are lucky to have such a strong team, we have a couple of places to fill in the next academic year, if you are interested in joining our DSA please let us know on the DSA email address or contact your year group representative.

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