

ANNUAL REPORT – DEIGHTON GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020 TO JULY 2021



Summary

This year has been another challenging year for everyone, including families, the school and the PTA. The continued impact of the pandemic has resulted in further closure of the school along with cancellation of the usual PTA events and fundraising activities. Despite this we have continued to raise valuable funds for the school whilst trying to create some continued sense of community for the parents of the school and fun for the children.

A thank you for helping us continue to raise funds in these testing times

None of the events that have been held this year would have been successful without the support of everyone within the school community, thank you to all of you for your continued engagement and participation.

The committee for the year consisted of the chairs, Lindsey Harrison and Steph Wright for a second year. The other committee members remained with Jen Johnson as treasurer, and Steve Irwin as Secretary, supported by Katie Horridge. Krissie Bamforth has continued to do a fabulous job on social media ensuring the PTA facebook page provides informative and fun updates along with communications from school and co-ordinating activities within school. In addition to the committee we have been supported by teacher, governor, and class representatives.

The current members of the committee are standing down at the AGM so we look forward to moving forward with a new committee that can bring renewed energy for future events and fundraising. If you are interested in helping raise valuable funds for the PTA please get in touch with any of the incumbent members of the committee or email pta@dgpta.org and we would be happy to explain more about the roles. Committee members and volunteers are vital to ensure we can continue to raise vital funds for the school.

Events and fundraising in the year

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing the PTA agreed that the traditional events including the fairs, discos and bake sales could not happen this year. We have not let this stop our fundraising efforts.

Lindsey Harrison hosted 2 fun packed family quiz's over zoom for Halloween and Christmas. These were linked with Halloween dress up and Christmas jumper days at school where donations to the PTA were encouraged. We were amazed by the generosity of everyone!

In lieu of the Christmas fair, we still held the "secrets room" that is usually the star of the Christmas fair. This is where we rely on small gift donations from the parents and then for a small charge, children can pick a gift to wrap for a recipient of their choice for Christmas. Christmas fundraising also included the Christmas cards with the support of the teaching staff and organised by Chrissi Leslie and sales of wrapping paper and cards from Ros Collins.

We have a PTA 100 club for the summer term with 2 draws where 65% of the takings are funds for the PTA. The other 35% is the prize money to the 3 lucky winners in the 2 draws.

The final completed fundraiser for the year was the smarties tube event that was incredibly well supported, we raised a fantastic amount with all the coins and notes parents and children filled their tubes with.

There is one upcoming event being organised to raffle the signed Leeds United Football shirt we have very kindly been donated. The raffle is online and the details can be found [here](#).

Amounts raised from events	£
Halloween Dress up day & Quiz	1,037
Christmas fundraising activities*	977
Children's designed Christmas Cards	232
100 Club	273
Smarties tubes	898
Total	3,417

*Christmas fundraising activities included - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Quiz, Secrets room, Cards and wrapping sale, Class photo sale and Reception Nativity photo sales.

**Leeds United signed football shirt raffle closes 31 July 2021 – amounts raised not yet known.

Other fundraising

Other funds continue to be raised for the school from the rag bin, "my name" tags and easyfundraising.co.uk. We have recently signed up to AmazonSmile and have a Printer Ink cartridge recycling bin. The latter will not only help raise funds for the PTA but will also have a positive environmental impact. Thank you to Louise Pedley for organising this. We look forward to funds we raise from these in future years.

Other amounts raised	£
Corporate sponsorship	250
Leeds City Council grant (defib pads)	80
Rag bin	198
Easy Fundraising	154
Total	682

Other activities

We have not been able to attend the "PTA meet and greet" combined with the phonics evening for the new reception class or any new starters evenings for the reception 2021/22 starters. We hope this will be able to restart these in the next school year.

Where the money is spent

The PTA plays an important role within the school allowing parents and teaching staff to work together and put on some great events for the children. As part of this, the funds that are raised go towards valuable additional resources for the school at a time when funding is being cut.

The start of the school year saw us spending some prior year's funds, helping to fund the outside sinks and a visualiser to help the staff at the school keep everyone safe at this challenging time. The PTA also funded new books for the library and part funded the fabulous eBooks system that kept all our children reading during the Jan / Feb lockdown.

Other smaller amounts of funds have been spent on the purchase of a new stock of book bags for the new reception intake, new and new defibrillator pads to ensure the defibrillator is an ongoing asset to the school and wider community.

How have we spent the money	£
Outside knee operated sinks	980
New reading books	2,980
Document Visualiser	82
New Defibrillator pads	99
Book bags	399
Contribution to eBooks platform	1,000
Total	5,540

Covid-19 and what this means for the PTA, fundraising and events

As mentioned, the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic meant the usual PTA events could not occur.

Although it is uncertain what the next school year will bring or exactly what it will look like, we will continue with our mission to bring a sense of community amongst the parents, carers, grandparents and teachers of the children of Deighton Gates Primary School and approach the next school year with renewed energy for some fantastic fundraising events. This is unlikely to bridge the gap in funds that have been missed this school year but will provide an important part of getting back to some sense of normality for us all.

Finally, a massive "Thank You!"

Thank you to all the members of the PTA, Governors, parents, carers, friends of the school and staff who contributed to all the events and fundraising during the year. Without everyone's involvement we would not have been able to achieve so much. The monies raised and spent allow the PTA to play a vital role in supporting the school in a variety of ways.

Remember there is a final way to help funds for this year by purchasing some raffle tickets [here](#).

Have a great summer break everyone.