

# FDS ROUNDUP

Autumn Term 2022

Merry Christmas everyone, and thank you for your support of the FDS charity over the past few months. When we are all feeling the squeeze with costs at home it's so nice to see that people still find a way to GIVE, and I hope that this year's festive term has felt a little bit more traditional once again.

Our **Jolly Jamboree** has raised £1800. It was so nice to see the school bustling and busy again and I hope a good time was had by all. Thank you so much to everyone who helped before, during and after the event.

We must thank the Downe Village Lottery society who donated £1000 to us towards our Pantomime 3 years ago, which we have kept to one side waiting to finally use it. At the same time, we were given another £400 to make up the difference we needed for the show tickets, in loving memory of a Nanny, who also loved the theatre. We raise our interval ice cream in toast to them.

This has meant that our Jolly Jamboree money has gone towards the coaches for the trip, and £1000 in the bank to put towards new projects in 2023.

I have today paid the coach firm, my last invoice for the FDS. Having looked after the finances for the charity since 2018 - it is my time to step away and allow other volunteers to take the sleigh reins. I am hopefully moving house soon so must have someone else register their address with the bank, Paypal, charity commission and so on. We ask that new people step up to take on the role of Treasurer, and other important admin roles within the charity to enable it to continue.

To look back - the FDS have this term; paid for bean bags for the library, book display stands and a rainbow rug, hosted the Halloween Disco, offered second hand uniform and fancy dress sales, organised and hosted the Christmas Fair and gifted mince pies at the Nativity and crackers for the Christmas dinner! Christmas card orders were a little laboured this year as the company are using a new system, this however has made us £146.

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We'll have a big coffee morning in January some time to come up with 2023 plans, by when hopefully some people will have come forward to take over. I'll be on hand for the rest of the term for a gentle hand over and induction, in the meantime from myself, Helen & Sarah, thank you and HAPPY NEW YEAR.