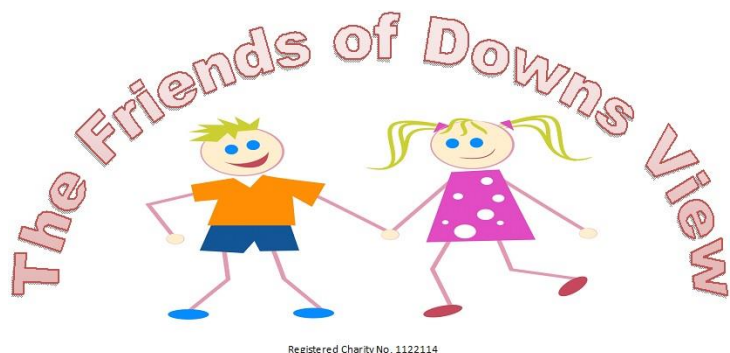


NEWS

SPRING 2021



The Friends of Downs View are a fully registered Charity and work incredibly hard to raise funds to offer the children at the school a little extra that is out of reach of the school budget.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 onwards

To be confirmed...

Due to social distancing, all events are currently on hold

Please do let us know if you have any fundraising ideas???

The Committee works very closely with the school to ensure that the funds raised go to approved projects to benefit the children at the school.

Please help us with our fundraising to ensure the children are offered EVERY opportunity we can make available to them



CAN YOU HELP??

We are always looking for new members and parents' help, on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

- **Help us at an event or prepare for one?**
- **Speak to your boss to see if they will kindly donate a prize for a raffle?**
- **Share our posts on social media?**
- **Pop a poster in your local shop?**
- **Does your company offer Match Funding?**

With the school reopening...

We are being positive and looking forwards to getting back to hopefully planning some events for everyone this year!

It goes without saying that times are hard and uncertain for us all and so we appreciate any time, effort and generosity you are able to give in the coming months.

Registered Charity Number - 1122114



Co-op Membership offers
a helping hand to **you**
and **your community**



Co op Local Community Fund

The Friends of Downs View have been selected this year to benefit from the Kennington Co-op Local Community Fund.

A BIG Thank You! To the Co-op, Kennington for selecting us. This means so much to us and we look forwards to working with you and the community. For every £1 you spend on Co-op products, 2p of that money is donated to your local cause.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

If you have a Co-op membership, please go online and nominate us as your chosen cause –

www.coop.co.uk/membership

The Friends want to update the school's Forest area by renewing the pond, fixing the canopy, improving the area and providing more activities for the children.

The Forest School is used every day by all of the children, and in these COVID times, having an outdoor learning area is essential.

**The more people that nominate
'Downs View Infant School' as their local charity....
the more money the Co-op award the school!!**

A BIG THANK YOU!! To our fantastic Reception Parent who stepped forward and applied for Match Funding through her place of work.

Through this scheme, the Friends have now been awarded £563.00 towards fundraising!

There are a number of local companies that offer Match Funding at fundraising events.

Please contact the Friends if this is something your company can help us with.

NEW OUTDOOR RESOURCES

You may have noticed some new outdoor resources around the school for the children to use.

- **Benches in Year 1 and 2 outside areas and on the playground**
 - **New outdoor learning resources for Year 1**
 - **New decked stage area in EYFS for the children**

These were funded by the Friends from all of your generous donations during the past year.

A BIG Thank You!! To Chris at CJB Carpentry for his hard work and support for the school in building the new decked stage area in EYFS.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to all of YOUR help, we have raised the below funds so far since December 2020

- £563.00 Barclays Match Funding
- £50.00 Parent Donation
- £94.10 Easyfundraising
- £48.40 Amazon Smile

£755.50 TOTAL

GRANTS

Tesco Bags for Help – We have just been advised that we have now been successful in our application!

Online Fundraising for FREE!!

Whether you shop online regularly or on the odd occasion, please sign up & support us as your chosen charity.

Amazon Smile - smile.amazon.co.uk

Easy Fundraising - www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Earn donations from 1000's of online shops & retailers, as well as travel companies, phone suppliers, insurance and utility suppliers.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

 **easyfundraising**
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Friends of Downs View Infant School Monthly Meetings

Due to the current pandemic, all of our Monthly meetings are being held virtually. If you would like to attend any meetings, please email us so that we can send an invite to you to join us.

All parents/carers are welcome to join any of the meetings to find out about current and future fundraising, to offer any ideas or to find out more about the Friends.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

22ND APRIL 2021

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