

Charities

Last year, 2001-2002, we were delighted to raise £9,706 for various charities. How surprised and grateful we were when we realised that this year's total was in excess of £17,700. The children have been particularly keen to raise money for charities and a sub-committee of the School Council has been formed to discuss their involvement.

A large proportion of the money raised has been given to the Lawrence Barham Memorial fund, towards the Rwanda Mission, our school charity. Our coffee mornings are always welcomed by the children who delight in eating as many of the beautifully decorated cakes as possible. The sponsored walk was again tremendous fun and everyone was very glad to rendezvous at the Bull for lunch. Unfortunately some found it very difficult to continue the walk after such a welcome lunch but I am sure that everyone enjoyed the occasion. During the summer months, two Vines, Thomas Van Der Klught and Alastair Mavor presented a play to raise money for Rwanda. By all accounts it was a very entertaining version of Toad of Toad Hall. It was a very thoughtful gesture and we are very grateful to the boys and their families.

We supported the NSPCC this year with a sponsored spell-in and a number day. These combined events raised over £3,000.

Unfortunately, mid year we had some sad news from an old boy, Oliver Perigo, who was diagnosed as having Hodgkins' Disease, a cancer of the lymphatic system. Once again, through the generosity of our parents we were able to support him in his appeal and over £500 was raised to enable him to sponsor a disadvantaged child.

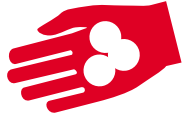
Jeans for Genes day raised £314 and the foreign currency collection in aid of the Agape Trust raised over £250. The fund has recently reached a total of £1,000 and the building on the Ridge in Hastings is almost complete with special needs equipment to support local severely disabled youngsters. A total of £53 was raised by Dodie James's cake sale and donated to the rain forest fund.

Through the continued efforts of the music department over £700 was raised for Help the Aged and St. Michael's Hospice. We are as always very grateful to the children, choirs and teaching staff for giving their time and performing so beautifully on many occasions.



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For the last five years the Pre Prep has supported the Fellowship of St Nicholas. This Hastings based charity provides after school and holiday care for local children and it funds a Fun Bus which travels around the villages. The annual line up of coins the length of Pre Prep was held in September. This raised £153.

This term the fun bus came to visit. The children all had a chance to look around the bus and see what their money had helped to fund. £ 118 was raised on this day and this will be added to the money collected from our sponsored Fun Run/Walk. This was a huge success and we were fortunate to have lovely weather on the day. This event raised an amazing total of £3,152.66. This will be used by the Fellowship to buy a playstation, craft equipment and games to go on the bus.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported these charities this year. As always we are immensely grateful.



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In the Lent term both staff and children came to school sporting odd socks. A mass sock display was held in the Pre Prep Hall when all the children lay on their backs and raised their feet in the air. £110 was collected from this event.

