



## Chairs annual statement - review of 2017/2018

We have had a fantastic year, both financially and socially, striving to balance both halves of our constitution. This year has seen numerous new more social/activity events trialled, focused on building upon our school community relationships. These included discos, refreshments at the nativity, Christmas card project, pottery painting event, inflatable fun day and an end of year party. We also organised some very successful fundraising events with the Summer and Winter Fairs as well as another virtual balloon race. Along with support from large organisations and local groups kindly donating to us we raised over £32,000 - enough to cover all of our financial obligations that we had committed to for this financial year. We made final payments towards the sensory room refurbishment, saw delivery of the new minibus mid year, bought car seats for it, contributed to the Bendrigg trip and paid for half the fish tank maintenance.

With a strong and focused team of members we have achieved a great deal this year, continuing to inform the local community about us and our targets. The use of facebook group M41ers has helped a great deal, especially with raffle prizes. The use of the Band app continues to build slowly so that we can have a direct link with other parents. Our main communication streams have been letters in school bags and the use of parentpay messages for both informing about events as well as the success of them.

Sally, and her entire staff team, have been really supportive throughout the year, enabling us to go ahead with our events whilst maintaining safety and suitability for all our pupils. A huge thank you to them for having faith in us, and giving up your time to see events in action.

Alan Lord is stepping down as treasurer this year and I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank him for all his years service to Delamere as both a governor and during his time on the Friends committee, he has been a huge part of Friends and invaluable keeping the books for us. We all wish you well and hope you keep in touch.

Kind regards,

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