



Friends of Delamere - Chairs Report / October 2023

The academic year 2023-2024 was an interesting year for Friends of Delamere.

PTA associations commonly go through cycles of membership as children move through the school and their parents move on too!

When this happens, it provides an exciting opportunity to reset and start again with fresh faces and new ideas and that is exactly what happened with our own Friends of group.

In terms of fundraising we managed to raise around £3650.74. As our target was to raise enough to fund the theatre experience booked in for the first week after half term which has a cost of £3750 + VAT then I think you will agree we have more or less hit that target spot on! I am really looking forward to sharing photos with you of the event – if anyone wants a reminder of the show we have booked for school, please visit;

<https://oilycart.org.uk/shows/when-the-world-turns/>

Although the income generated over the year is around half the year before, I think we should be proud of the achievement for the first year of a relaunched group.

In term of social events, there was a very successful summer picnic organised which lots of families enjoyed and has created a blueprint for future events.

Huge thankyou to Liz Johnson our own Family Liaison Officer for supporting Friends as a new group, and our Admin team who have supported with publicity and other practical support!

Finally – thankyou to all our new members who have helped in so many ways with all kinds of jobs such as looking after the pre-loved uniform, donating prizes for the Christmas raffle, as well as leading events!

The priority for the year ahead is named people for the 3 official roles – in order to be a legally viable group this has to be done today.

Next - deciding on our priorities for the year ahead in terms of fundraising and allocating responsibility for the various ongoing commitments.

Suggestions for continuous support projects;

- Technology resources – such as the Beebot <https://www.tts-group.co.uk/bee-bot-programmable-floor-robot/1015268.html>
- Fish tank rental
- Year 6 Campout
- Replenishing the library

Our current school priorities are;

- Communication
- Mental Health / Emotional Wellbeing.

If agreed I could put together a list of suggestions to support these two areas with explanations of how they would have a beneficial impact for children.

Thanks all, *Sally Judge*