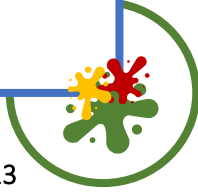


The Dell Primary School Parent Teacher Association (The Dell PTA)



August 2023

The Dell PTA Chairs' Annual Report 2022/23

The Dell Parent Teacher Association

The Dell PTA exists as a charitable association dedicated to supporting the needs of the children, school and the community life of the school. It's run by parents and our aims are achieved through the organising of events that contribute to the community spirit of the school, such as discos, Christmas and Summer raffles, Fetes, bingo nights and much more, as well as applying for monetary grants and donations of goods and services from a variety of sources. With funds raised by the PTA, the school can purchase equipment and learning resources to brighten the environment within the school. This year they were able to make huge improvements to the outdoor playing areas for both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2, expanding the scope of the children's environment and learning. Without the PTA it would be impossible for the school to make basic purchases, let alone some of the larger purchases that have been possible this year due to the restrictions imposed by ever decreasing budgets and rising costs.

The PTA work closely with the school staff and leadership team to establish funding needs and priorities and regularly review the current and projected finances to determine the feasibility of committing PTA funds for the school's needs as regular of one-off projects.

Charity

The Dell PTA is a registered charity (Charity Number 1129029) and is administered via monthly PTA Committee meetings which are usually held on weekday evenings on Zoom or at various venues around Chepstow (e.g. local pubs!) The minutes of each meeting are taken and circulated via email to the PTA Committee/Volunteers/School list and are stored electronically within the PTA's centralised on-line storage (Google Drive TM, which is part of our Google account that is provided by Monmouthshire County Council via The Dell). As of the date of this report the Trustees of the charity are the current Co-Chairs Helen Tate and Hayley Miles and Mark Turner. The annual financial returns are submitted to the Charities Commission each August, in keeping with the Commission's regulations. Trustees can be changed as necessary as the volunteer base changes.

The Committee is made up of parent and school staff volunteers with a wider volunteer base that helps to arrange and run events with a quorum of the Co-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. The continued operation of the Dell PTA is wholly reliant on the generous assistance and support of the volunteers, **to which we extend our deepest and continual gratitude every year**, and anybody who can spare time in this capacity is encouraged and welcomed to become involved.

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Finance

The year 2022/23 has recovered well after the last couple of years and the impacts from Covid. We've been able to return to a much more "normal" array of events and have held a number of seasonal activities such as discos, raffles and various drink and snack stalls. The pinnacle of our fundraising at the end of the school year was our Summer Fete, one of the most successful yet! Where we were able to use our wonderful school grounds to enjoy the summer with the support of local businesses, exciting demonstrations, support from the local Fire Station, Gwent Police and the Coastguards creating a truly perfect end to the school year and round off a great year of fundraising!

A full financial report for the academic year 2022/23, produced (with our thanks) by our PTA Treasurer (Carolyn Pennington for 2022/23) is available from the PTA webpage on the school's website. A breakdown of the year is provided below:

- Account Balance as at the end of July 2022 = £11,083.94
Account Total as at the end of July 2023 = £7,597.08
Funds made during this period =
- This year school projects that the PTA supported totalled = £12,414.15
This included membership to the K'Nex Workshop, work to the Outdoor classroom, Key Stage 2 playground revamp, Foundation Phase playground upgrade and Language resources.
- We were grateful to receive a donation from Tesco as part of their community fundraising totalling £1,000.

The PTA events and activities which were held throughout the year, listed below, that provided non-grant funding went very well and our thanks once again goes out to the many parents who volunteered and donated making them such a success.

- Autumn Disco
- Autumn Half Term Colouring Competition (Non-fundraising free activity)
- February Disco
- Hosting a cake stall at the Chepstow Round Table Fireworks display
- Pantomime Trip Snacks (Non-fundraising activity providing drink & snacks for the trip)
- Christmas Raffle
- Christmas Fayre
- St David's Day Welsh themed digital Raffle
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Bingo Night
- Drink sales on Sports Day
- Summer Disco
- New Parents Evening (Non-Fundraising activity providing drinks)
- Uniform Sales (Supported with the build of the new Swap Shop)
- Drink and snack station at the Year 6 end of year productions

- Summer Fete

The Coming Year

The new school year begins in September, as usual and The Dell PTA AGM will be undertaken in October. We will work with school to continue to be able undertake the exciting schedule of fundraising activities that we've managed to arrange this year. With the view of ongoing discussions on exciting potential projects that we can guide our fundraising events to be in support of.

The Future

The goal is to grow on the success of this year from a fundraising perspective, increase the volunteer base, provide more parents with the opportunity to be involved in such an influential part of the primary years and continue to support in providing an enriching experience for the children of The Dell School.

Chair Comments

Hayley and I entered this year as the new Co-Chairs of The Dell PTA with a real enthusiasm and a huge desire to bring back some of the more interactive fundraising activities that were a real hit with the children (pre-covid) such as the termly Discos and Christmas Fayre! We feel that we've been successful in this, not without the support of all the PTA volunteers, may I add, and our plan is to continue in this way into the new school year and beyond. Organising ourselves with a calendar of events, taking learnings from what has proven to be successful this year and we'll be on the lookout for any new opportunities to help us as the PTA to raise funds to support the school in a smarter not harder way!

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for the support of all the PTA volunteers that give their time regularly in meetings, leading events, researching opportunities, and providing their skills and that of family member to ensure that we are successful in our goals!

Here is to an even more successful year with our current PTA volunteers and hopefully some new ones too! As well as to the whole school community who, without your support, we wouldn't be able to raise the funds that we do to make our children's time in school even more fulfilling!

Kindest Regards

Helen Tate & Hayley Miles

Co-Chairs, The Dell PTA 2022/23
5th August 2023