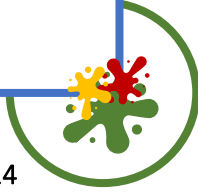


# The Dell Primary School Parent Teacher Association (The Dell PTA)



August 2024

## The Dell PTA Chairs' Annual Report 2023/24

### 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 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 reading corners within all the classrooms in the school, expanding the scope of the children's environment and encourage 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 or 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 Teams or if we get chance 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, treasurer Dr Carolyn Pennington 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 2023/24 has performed well and we're now back into a "business as usual" running with an array of events through the year 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 and raffle that was genuinely enjoyed by many! We were again able to use our wonderful school grounds to enjoy the summer despite the rain with the support of local businesses, exciting demonstrations, wonderfully creative year 5 stalls and the Coastguard creating a great end to the school year and round off a great year of fundraising!

A full financial report for the academic year 2023/24, produced (with our thanks) by our PTA Treasurer (Carolyn Pennington for 2023/24) 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 2023 = £7,597.08  
Account Total as at the end of July 2024 = £8,662.51  
Funds made during this period minus deductions = £4,620.26
- This year school projects that the PTA supported totalled = £7,084.59  
This included membership to the K'Nex Workshop, Period Dignity Products, revamp of all classes reading corners, The Dell Bookshelf, Christmas crafts & parties, Year 1 middle room revamp, Panto snacks and end of year treats.
- We were grateful to receive donations from Chepstow & District Round Table Fireworks event (£100) and from the Year 6 leavers group (£30).
- We were successful in securing a grant from Chepstow Town Council for the schools gardening club for £1,612 to purchase a polytunnel and gardening equipment.

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

- Autumn, Winter & Summer Discos
- Games Night
- Hosting a cake stall at the Chepstow Round Table Fireworks display
- Pantomime Trip Snacks (Non-fundraising activity providing drink & snacks for the trip)
- Christmas Fayre & Raffle
- Digital Easter Hamper Raffle
- Twmpath/Barn Dance
- Trio of Rags2Riches4 Schools Clothing collections
- Drink sales on Sports Day
- New Parents Evening (Non-Fundraising activity providing drinks & biscuits)
- Ongoing Uniform Sales through our brilliant Swap Shop
- Drink and snack station at the Year 6 end of year productions

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- Summer Fete & Raffle

## The Coming Year

The new school year begins in September and The Dell PTA AGM will be undertaken in late September. We'll 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 returning Co-Chairs of The Dell PTA with a continued enthusiasm and desire to continue with the interactive fundraising activities that are a real hit with the children such as the termly Discos and the Christmas Fayre and try some new and different ways to fund raise. We feel 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 as we're conscious of the effort that is needed to be successful in these wonderful events.

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're successful in our goals!

Here is to another 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 2023/24**

29th August 2024

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