



ANNUAL REPORT – FRIENDS OF DEIGHTON GATES (DEIGHTON GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA)

FOR THE YEAR 1 AUGUST 2023 TO 31 JULY 2024

Governance

The Charity

Deighton Gates Primary School PTA was set up in 2003 under its governing document, the constitution, as a parent teacher association (unincorporated association). Last year we re-branded under the name “Friends of Deighton Gates” (FoDG) hoping to encourage greater participation with the wider school community, with a friendlier more accessible name. The charity’s registered name and constitution remain unchanged. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered charity number 1100640). The principal operating address is Deighton Gates Primary School, Deighton Road, Wetherby, LS22 7XL.

FoDG exists to raise valuable funds for Deighton Gates Primary School, which we aim to do in a way that provides both fun for the children, and a sense of community for all involved with the school. We have had a wonderful year achieving these objectives, with some fantastic FoDG events that would not have been possible without the support of everyone within the school community, thank you all for your continued engagement and participation.

The Committee

The Trustees who served during the year (for the full year) were:

Chairpersons:	Tamsin Day	Secretaries:	Paul Froes	Treasurer:	Rosie Evans
	Louise Pedley		Katie Horridge		

All committee members resign at every Annual General Meeting and are either nominated for re-appointment or replaced with new nominees. Appointment is by a simple majority vote by attendees at a meeting. The trustees have complied with their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when exercising powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Fundraising activities

Summer Fair

Our largest single event of the year by far is our Summer Fair, led by a very small team who worked tirelessly and against the weather, to make sure this event was another roaring success, which brought the school together and helped us appreciate the lovely community we have here. Inside and safe from the weather our Scalextric racing, Hook-a-duck, Sticks in the sand, Panning for gold and a Nerf shooting range provided something for little and big kids to enjoy. While our ever-popular Teddy coconut shy, Football shoot-out challenge and a new Feed the alien game all fought the poor weather to provide entertainment undercover or between showers. Rounding off the day in style with the piggy race and guest appearance from Super Pig! The elements provided a real challenge this year and the success of this event, in the face of that challenge is immensely impressive. A last-minute downpour within an hour of doors opening meant a rush to re-locate activities, and an even bigger thank you this year goes to Ian Kendrew and team for managing to provide his usual high standard of delicious food in the rain after relocating all the equipment last minute! There is an endless list of further thank yous for those behind ensuring this event was such a success – organisers, volunteers, our sponsor Manning Stainton, stall holders (especially our ice-cream van, Pan Sushi and Wetherby Lions who persevered outdoors through the wet weather), entertainers, raffle prize/bottle/chocolate/cake donors, and of course everyone who attended and/or bought raffle tickets to show your support – it is all massively appreciated!

Discos

Another firm favourite in the school calendar for our children - our Autumn and Spring discos are always eagerly anticipated. The successful and smoothly run Disco Team organise, co-ordinate, and execute these events with style! A big thank you to our fabulous disco queens for all that effort, to TAP Security Systems our wonderful sponsors, Party Streamer for the fantastic balloon displays, our regular DJ who raises the roof, and the brave parents/carers and teachers who volunteer on the night (ear plugs are advised!).

Christmas Events

Team Christmas Quiz returned for their second year – creating a fantastically fun evening out for parents/carers and open to the wider Wetherby community. A massive thank you to this fantastic team and to our caterer (again!) for all the effort in planning and presenting (and clearing away) such a brilliant fundraiser social, now a firm festive favourite in the diaries of many. As always, for those who can’t attend the socials - the raffle provides a great opportunity to support FoDG and to win some awesome prizes!

With the aid of staff in school we were also able to run the ever-popular Secret Gifts Room, where we rely on small gift donations from parents/carers and then for a small charge, children can pick a gift to wrap for a recipient of their choice for Christmas. Also with the help of school staff, and our FoDG team Christmas card organiser extraordinaire, we offered parents and carers the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards (and other items) with their children’s designs, at affordable rates, with commission going back to FoDG. And just before we broke up for Christmas the FoDG team attended the wonderful Deighton Gates Choir’s Christmas carols – serving mulled wine and refreshments for the lucky attendees, leaving everyone feeling festive. To all who supported us in any way at this often very expensive time of year – we really appreciate all the support and hope you enjoyed the Christmas events!

Bake Sales and Sports Day Refreshments

Throughout the year we hold half-termly bake sales with buns provided by a different class each time. We ask each class to organise a handful of helpers to set up stall and sell the cakes with the entire class then donating some wonderful delights for us all to buy! Thank you to all our helpers, sweet treat providers and buyers this year. Our final bake sale of the year is on Sports Day alongside the sale of other refreshments. It is wonderful to be part of this much-loved school event, and a thank you to all those who volunteered on the day – setting up/putting away/manning the stall and for all who came to buy. With the chill in the air, the teas and coffees were very popular this year – we hope they warmed you up as you enjoyed this day full of entertainment put on by our school.

Other Events

We opened the school year in September with an Apple Picking event – opening up the beautiful orchard we are so lucky to have on our school's grounds. In March, our Say It With Flowers event, provided children the chance to buy and then label a beautiful bouquet for a lucky recipient of their choice. In the same month we celebrated World Book Day – asking for donations in exchange for hot chocolate and a biscuit for all children in school on a Wear your pyjamas to school day. New in 2024, we held a parent-to-parent Table Top Sale, with sellers offering a wonderful array of new and pre-loved baby, children and maternity goods, open to the public. Thank you to all who organised and attended this event. And we topped off the year with an online raffle, again open to the public, for some fabulous corporate tickets to a Leeds United Game, with a huge thank you to OHS for donating this amazing prize!

Other fundraising

Other funds have been raised for the charity from sales of pre-loved uniform throughout the year, from money for donated clothes to the "Rag Bin" (for re-useable clothes only!) and through easyfundraising.co.uk. Details of how to support the FoDG at no extra cost to yourselves through Easyfundraising can be found on our [website](https://www.deighton-gates-pta.org.uk). In addition, we have been fortunate to receive a few direct donations to us as a registered charity this year, which are very gratefully received. Thank you to our donors. If you, your company, or your friends or family, would like to make a donation, please contact treasurer@dgpta.org

Where the money is spent

The FoDG events are a valuable way for parents and school staff to work together and put on some great experiences for the children to enjoy. The funds raised go towards beneficial resources for the school at a time when costs are rising and funding is tight.

Following feedback and review from the Summer Fair last year, in autumn we purchased ten outdoor bins to facilitate and encourage recycling, this was possible thanks to a grant from Wetherby Town Councillors to cover 50% of the cost. Also in this academic year we contributed towards the school's allotment project, with fencing, bark flooring and raised beds and covered the cost of furnishings for the new Year 1 and Year 2 outdoor areas. Further funds were made available for new visualisers for each class, new classroom texts, improved lighting in the library and gifts of games for wet breaks, opened by children in each class at their Christmas parties.

This would have been provision to be proud of for a year of fundraising, time to wind down ready for the summer... but in April our Chair challenged us to one of our most ambitious projects to date – an outdoor classroom ready before the start of the next school year! We owe a massive thank you to Npower business solutions for awarding us a grant from their nBS Foundation fund (and to our FoDG team member for identifying the opportunity and co-ordinating our application), to Drax for their contribution through school to the project (co-ordinated by one of our brilliant school governors), and to Wetherby Town Council for their grant – all of which combined with funds raised by our supporters at our FoDG events to achieve this incredible target! We hope this addition to the Key Stage 1 playground will be something for the children, teachers and wider community to use and benefit from for years to come.

In addition, FoDG cover the costs of new starter bookbags and Year 6 leavers books each year (taking the opportunity to wish our current Year 6 leavers all the best as they progress to their new schools) and have undertaken to support music provision with a term of ukulele tuition for each class when they reach Year 5/6.

Thank You

It has been a truly epic year for us, so the biggest thank you to all the members of FoDG, parents, grandparents, carers, staff and governors who contributed to all the events and fundraising during the year. Without everyone's involvement we would not have been able to achieve so much. We are always looking for more people to join our lovely, fun and welcoming team, so please do join us, get in touch, speak to one of the team or your class representative, or just volunteer for anything - many hands make light work!

Finance

Risk Management, Financial Position and Going Concern

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. During the year the trustees adopted updated policies on conflicts of interest, financial controls and expenses, risk assessment, safeguarding and serious incident reporting. These policies can be found on our [website](https://www.deighton-gates-pta.org.uk). The trustees continue to review the principal areas of the charity's operations to identify risks that could affect the operations of the charity. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level, in its day-to-day operations.

At the end of the year the charity had unrestricted funds held in bank account and cash of £11,508 (July 2023: £6,693). We aim to maintain a balance of £2,000 between events to meet the requirements of purchases in advance of fundraising activities and cash floats for those events. Our practice of making payments out of our funds only once we have raised sufficient to cover the contributions, and our minimum account balance, ensures we remain a going concern.

Receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024

	Receipts 23/24 £	Payments 23/24 £	Total Income/(Cost) 23/24 £	Total Income/(Cost) 22/23 £
Events and Fundraising				
Summer Fair	5,507	1,153	4,354	4,772
Christmas Quiz	2,657	933	1,724	1,556
Secret Gift Room	509	56	453	841
Christmas Cards	277	-	277	-
Choir Evening	199	88	111	-
Discos - current year	3,188	1,068	2,120	1,550
Discos - next year deposit	-	80	(80)	-
Bake Sales	668	-	668	588
Say It With Flowers	363	138	225	272
World Book Day	257	46	211	180
Sports Day	507	29	478	376
Table Top Sale	145	-	145	-
LUFC Hospitality Tickets Raffle	1,000	40	960	-
Apple Picking	57	-	57	-
Pre-loved	185	-	185	-
Rag bin	188	-	188	184
EasyFundraising	290	-	290	389
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	365
Other receipts/donations	300	-	300	331
RESTRICTED FUNDS PROJECTS				
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT				
Outdoor Classroom total cost (less £1,000 contribution from Drax paid direct to school)	-	9,200	(3,200)	-
Restricted Funds received:				
nBS Foundation Award	5,750	-		
Wetherby Town Council Grant	250	-		
OUTDOOR BINS				
Outdoor bins cost	-	1,719	(924)	-
Restricted Funds received:				
Wetherby Town Council Grant	795	-		
Contributions				
Allotment		882	(882)	-
Ukulele lessons		560	(560)	(280)
Y1 Outdoor area		450	(450)	-
Y2 Outdoor area		450	(450)	-
New classroom texts		211	(211)	-
Wet break games – Christmas		190	(190)	-
Visualisers		166	(166)	-
Y6 leaver books		399	(399)	(250)
Other contributions		68	(68)	(180)
IT Suite		-	-	(10,000)
Y1 canopy		-	-	(2,000)
Sensory room kit out		-	-	(1,500)
Ukuleles		-	-	(738)
New starter bookbags		-	-	(510)
Defibrillator running costs		-	-	(278)
Costs				
Parentkind membership		153	(153)	(140)
Lottery licence		20	(20)	(20)
FoDG flasks & glasses		155	(155)	-
Gazebo		-	-	(540)
Other central costs		23	(23)	(286)
TOTALS	23,092	18,277	4,815	(5,318)

Authorisation

On behalf of the trustees, we declare that annual report above has been approved by the trustees,

Rosie Evans, Treasurer
Sept 2024

Louise Pedley, Chair
Sept 2024