



A huge thank you to all who came on Monday night for the FODS AGM. It was a great turnout, and it was a pleasure to welcome lots of new faces as well as those who have supported FODS for a number of years.

It was great to look back on the past year and review what we have achieved together. We have supported the school in nearly £29,000 of funding this year, including subsidising school trips and swimming lessons, extensions to the trim-trail, the new sandpit, and in-school workshops for the children. We have also had lots of not-for-profit events (like the school discos and Easter-egg competition) aimed at making life at Dringhouses even more fun. None of this could have been achieved without your help - we appreciate every penny spent at the Bake Sales, every half-hour of setting up for a school event, and every encouragement given to those who are running the event. Dringhouses is a truly amazing community!

## WHAT YOUR PTA FUNDED

2023/2024

This academic year, we've spent a total of £28 966.15. We need your help to keep raising more funds!

£2500 Sandpit	£4037.60 Early Years Decking
£9942.75 Sensory Garden & Trim Trail	£2552 OPAL
£500 KS1 Sealife Centre Workshop	£435 LKS2 Trip to Chocolate Story
£297 Years 2&6 First Aid courses	£466.36 KS1 Transport for Swimming lessons
£149 Online Salety & Cyber Bullying talk	£500 Year 6 trip
£200.00 Sound System	£125.50 Buckets & Spades for Sandpit
£500 Rights to Year 6 Musical	£500 Year 6 Leavers Books
£134.70 KS1 Rekenreks for Maths lessons	£116.95 Trojan Horses for History lesson
£300 Bewerley Park Residential Nov 2024	£150 Sand Sculptor
£151.20 Trip to Joseph the musical	£33 Christmas Party Hats

We would like to say an additional thank you to Chia and Laura who stepped down from their committee roles of chair and communications secretary. Thank you for all your hard work! We voted in the new committee, and will be introducing ourselves in next week's newsletter.

FODS agreed to contribute to funding a new extension to the trim-trail which has been chosen by the children at school. We're excited to see it installed soon, and know it will bring lots of joy to the kids for years to come.

## WhatsApp group

Did you know FODS has a WhatsApp group? If you would like to be a bit more involved with the PTA but maybe can't commit regularly or can only spare a small amount of time every now and then, please sign up to the WhatsApp group. You are not committing to anything and won't be pestered. It is just a way for us to let you know what events are coming up and where help would be needed - you can opt in as much or as little as you like. The link to sign up is:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/DTghsWtmwMXGYMPAdwlfSj Thank you!