



FRIENDS OF DALMAIN

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DEAR PARENT OR CARER,

A very warm welcome from the Friends of Dalmain. We hope you have been keeping as well as possible in these strange and testing times. More than ever our sense of community can be a great support to us all, and the Dalmain community is no exception.

Friends of Dalmain (aka FoD) is the Dalmain School Parent-Teachers association, and its focus is on fundraising. As you may know already, community schools often rely heavily on fundraising to pay for essential resources. In order to do this, we hold School Fairs, Quiz Nights and Cake Sales among other things, which of course don't only raise vital funds but also offer exciting entertainment and activities for the kids and reinforce the community spirit within the school.

As a parent or carer at Dalmain you automatically become a member of the Friends of Dalmain, but of course it is up to you how much you get involved. However, we strongly encourage you to get stuck in as it's a great way to meet new people from all walks of life, it is very gratifying and always a good laugh.

At the moment, the Committee consists of only 5 members, so we would love to welcome anyone who would like to take on a role as part of the committee, so please drop us an email at friendsofdalmain@gmail.com if you would like to know more. We are very passionate about being inclusive and opening opportunities to anyone with fresh ideas, so please don't hesitate to come forward. Even if you are unsure of how much involvement you can handle, we would love to just get to know you.

We are very excited about our new Eco-initiatives group which is helping keep a strong focus on maintaining our green spaces, namely the Wildlife garden and the Veg patch, and fundraising specifically to improve the playgrounds by hopefully adding new green spaces. Thanks to this new group and the support of the Street Trees for Living Charity, we are currently in the process of acquiring 14 trees to line the whole stretch of pavement along the school grounds. If you would like to get involved with this group, please do drop us an email.

You can also stay up to date with FoD's activities by "liking" our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsofDalmain). Please have a look at the "Friends" section on the Dalmain school website to find out more, and last but not least we are launching a new FoD website very soon, so watch this space! We look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes.

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FRIENDS OF DALMAIN

WHO ARE WE?

Friends of Dalmain are all of us! The Parents and Carers of pupils at Dalmain School, led by a small group of parent volunteers, give their time to organise events for all at Dalmain, bringing our fantastic community together whilst raising vital funds for the school.

WHAT DO WE FUND?

Over the last two years we have provided almost £30,000 of funding for the School. In 2018/19 this included £10,000 on...

Trips

£2,600 on trips to theatres, residential trips, museums, Creekside discovery centre and Godstone farm

Outdoor Equipment

£2,400 on equipment for the EYFS outdoor area and storage for PE equipment

Reading Materials

£2,400 on new books for classroom libraries and to refresh stock in the school library. The library project continues to be a focus for the school and FoD is supporting this initiative

Workshops

£1,200 on school workshops such as anti-bullying, a visit by a poet and a stone-age workshop

Curriculum Resources

£2,000 on resources for art, wellbeing, PE and reception class

What might we fund next year?

That depends on how much we raise... and that depends on your support!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Come to planning meetings and coffee mornings

Hear what we're doing, provide us with some suggestions for future events, or just come to meet us and say hello.



Lend a hand Help to run a fair stall, a cake sale, set up or clear up an event. Many hands make light work - it really is true!



Donate Cakes, jolly jars, books, toys, good quality second-hand uniform... all are really appreciated and do make a difference.

Fund if you can Help ease the cost of trips by making a small contribution.



Support the library project

Could you offer your expertise? Or help sort the books? Or donate funds to buy soft furnishings?



Be a class rep Keep your fellow class parents/carers up to date with FoD events and teacher notices.

Join the committee! We cannot do this without more help! In particular we need 2 people to do our Social Media and Sponsorship roles. Please talk to us to find out what is involved if you're interested!

For more info, visit us at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofdalmain, follow us on Facebook & Twitter or email us at friendsofdalmain@gmail.com