

NEWS

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FRIENDS OF OLOP

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2023. It has been wonderful to see Friends of OLOP grow from strength to strength, with new volunteers, donors and supporters. Through your continued support we have been able to put on some great events and contribute to a sense of fun and community within our school this term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 15th December

End of term. Pick-up is at 12:15pm

Wednesday 3rd January

Inset Day

Thursday 4th January

New term begins



Fair raises thousands

We were so pleased to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair enjoying our magical Santa's grotto, games and crafts, as well as our food and drinks stalls.

Thanks to your support we raised an amazing £3,000. We want to extend our thanks to all our fabulous volunteers, with a special mention to Liah who worked tirelessly on the grotto and sleigh.

Events like this require lots of people to make them happen and we appreciate everyone's time and contributions. It was lovely to see new parents volunteering to help on stalls.

Can you help?

If you can spare a bit of time, even just the occasional hour, we would love to hear from you. The more volunteers we have, the more we are able to do.

Contact us at friends@olopprimary.co.uk



Unwanted uniform

If you are having a clear-out over the Christmas holidays, please do not throw any school uniform away. We would be grateful for any donations of out-grown school jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores. Your donations help reduce waste by encouraging the re-use of uniform and allows parents to pick up a bargain and save money. For those interested in buying pre-loved uniform please visit [Uniformerly](https://www.uniformerly.com) and find our school by selecting Slough as the Local Authority and then searching for our school from the drop-down list.



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The school has now selected a company to carry out work on the area in front of the hall, in the lower school playground. We look forward to finding out when they can begin work. We are also in discussions with the school to contribute towards enhancing classroom spaces, including a new art room. Friends of OLOP has also begun to look into match funding to boost our profits. Many companies offer their employees the chance to boost their PTA's fundraising efforts by matching the total amount raised at an event. We would be very grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Our AGM will take place on Friday 19th January at 2pm, in the huts, in the school car park. Everyone is welcome.

Reindeer delight pupils

Friends of OLOP were delighted to organise and pay for a visit from two very special guests. Every year group had an opportunity to meet 10-year-old reindeer Jett and Flash in the lower school playground, listen to an educational talk and ask questions.

The children were fascinated to learn interesting facts about the Arctic animals, including how their antlers fall off every January but take just 12 weeks to re-grow.

Headteacher, Jan Holden, said: "We want to thank Friends of OLOP for funding the visit. It was so great to see the whole school get to enjoy the experience, from our three-year-olds in nursery right up to our 10 and 11-year-olds in Year Six."

The children were especially excited to learn that reindeer enjoy eating grass, moss and leaves which they'll be leaving out for Santa's furry friends this year, instead of carrots.

Merry Christmas!

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to organising many more events and fundraising opportunities next term.

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