



FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to school everyone! An especially warm welcome to all the new families in school. Hopefully your children have settled into their new classes and are making new friends.

As a parent or carer of a child at St George's you are automatically one of the Friends of St Georges. As parents and carers we try to organise events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs, Curry and Quiz nights, Bingo nights etc - all to raise funds for the school and have fun in the process.



Friends Spends.

Last year, all the money raised (£6,000) went to buying the new outdoor play equipment for all the children at the school. It's great to see the children playing on it and having fun!

Additional funds also paid for new window blinds in some of the classrooms and contributions to school trips.

As the year progresses there will be many more items added to this wish list. Decisions about fundraising and ideas for new ways of fundraising are always discussed at the Friends meetings, so if you have any new ideas or opinions about how the money is spent please come to the meetings and share your ideas.

Christmas Card Project

Children will be soon busy creating works of art to feature on Christmas cards. The cards can be purchased nearer to Christmas. A percentage of the sale proceeds will go to the school. The cards add a real personal touch to Christmas.

Friends meeting

The next Friends meeting is the Annual General Meeting on **Monday 4th October at 7 pm** in the Carolann Suite at school.

We will be planning our first fund raisers of the year and committee and class reps will be voted in at the AGM. The current committee and class reps are as follows:

- Chair** Helen Meadows
Secretary Debbie Falgate/
Elizabeth MacDonald
Treasurer Corrina Eadie
EY Claire Huggins/Helen
Homer
Y1 Tracey Lightfoot
Y2 Andrea Ficco
Y3 Elizabeth MacDonald
Y4 Emma Ewan
Y5 Claire Brooks
Y6 John Van Dijk

Please come along and have your say! You won't be given a job unless you want one!!



YORK OLDER PERSON'S ASSEMBLY

For those of us who didn't know, 1st October is the International Day of Older People, a chance to focus on the incredible resources that older people can offer to their community.

To mark this day, the children are being asked to invite grandparents, neighbours and family friends who are aged 50 plus, into school for an afternoon of entertainment. The children will be performing various songs – you may even be encouraged to sing along! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends. Could parents bring donations of cakes and buns on Friday morning please.

The performance will start at 1.30 pm on Friday 1st October 2010.

Cake Sales

Every Friday at 3pm a cake sale is held in the school hall. All cakes, buns and biscuits are 25 pence each. Each class is allocated a date for their cake sale on a rota basis. All money raised goes directly to the class teacher to spend on extra equipment for their classroom, school trips or other things to directly benefit the children.

The more you bake, the more money you raise!

(Incidentally, you don't have to bake - shop bought cakes, buns, cookies, and biscuits sell just as well! Please avoid using nuts/nut products however, and label any tins for return)

Forthcoming cake sale dates:

- 1 October 2010 - **All bake for Older People's Assembly.**
- 8 October 2010 - Year 5
- 15 October 2010 - Year 4
- 22 October 2010 - Year 3
- 5 November 2010 - Year 2
- 12 November 2010 - Year 1
- 19 November 2010 - Early Years
- 26 November 2010 - Year 6
- 3 December 2010 - Year 5
- 10 December 2010 - Year 4
- 17 December 2010 - Year 3



BLUE BAG COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all who gave in their blue bags recently. The amount we raise is based on the weight of the bags received. We'll let you know when the next collection is and how much we raised.



Old clothes, curtains, bedding, shoes etc can be given. Feel free to use black bin liners too. Please bring your bags to school on the day of collection as storage is limited. Bag drop of point is under the kitchen window near the main school entrance.

Thank you.



Halloween Disco

Friday 22nd October (to be confirmed)

Infants 6-7 pm

Juniors 7.15 - 8.30pm

Please come in a Halloween costume, there will be prizes for the best outfits!!

£1.50 entry fee includes juice and biscuits for the infants. Hot dogs, crisps, drinks etc will be on sale at the junior disco.

PLEASE NOTE our discos are for St. George's pupils only.

St Crux church hall fundraiser

The Friends have been lucky to secure a date at St Crux. This is an excellent opportunity to raise lots of money for the school by selling bric-a-brac and refreshments to the residents and visitors in York in a church hall located at the bottom of The Shambles in town. The event will take place on **Thursday 18 November 2010** from **9 am - 5 pm**.

We need helpers to staff the stalls. If you could spare some time on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

An after school club will be provided at school on the day, free of charge, for those children whose parents are staffing the stalls.

Donations of bric-a-brac such as unwanted CD's, DVD's, books and unwanted gifts would also be appreciated, for sale outside the church hall.

If you would like to volunteer to help or want to know more please contact Helen Meadows on 07976 711750