



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Friends of St John's would like to take this opportunity to say welcome back to our returning families; to our new families, welcome to the St John's community!

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer holidays and have returned refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead.

### **What do the Friends of St John's do?**

As well as promoting school spirit and an increased sense of community, the Friends of St John's organise a number of activities throughout the school year that help to raise funds. This money is used to provide both equipment and experiences that will benefit and enrich the children's time whilst at St John's.

During 2015-2016 academic year this has included:

- Organising and volunteering at four school disco's
- Selling good quality, used school uniform
- Providing refreshments at parents' evenings and school shows
- Providing refreshments at Sports Day
- Arranging Christmas Cards and Mugs
- Arranging the Easter Raffle
- Organising a Punch and Judy Show
- Ice-cream sales on 'Hot Friday's'
- Planning and volunteering at the Summer Fete
- Planning and volunteering at the Christmas Fayre

Fundraising has allowed us to purchase/provide:

- Wet-play games
- Children's Costumes
- Ice-Lollies for all children following Sports Day
- A significant donation towards the cost of Leavers Hoodies
- A BBQ for fundraising events

Looking to the future we aspire to provide a number of large pieces of play equipment and also a gazebo, which the children will be able to use for outdoor learning.

With your help we have, so far, managed to raise approximately £4500 towards this cost!

Please see the Friends of St John's noticeboard which is located in the hall, opposite the Year 1 classrooms, for further details of upcoming events.

We would like to invite you to become a member of the Friends, your contribution whether it is your time, knowledge, or skills will make a huge difference. If you are interested in attending meetings or volunteering at events please complete the slip attached to the office and join our mailing list.

Questions and suggestions are always welcome!

Kind Regards

Becky Dunwell – Chairperson

Lizzie Butcher – Treasurer

Jose Railton – Secretary

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