

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

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5 SECOND FOSJ UPDATE

Over £1700 raised last year, thank you

Road Safety plans are back in action - please continue as last year

Committee for 2019/20 - Consider volunteering

Would you like a school disco? We need parents to make it happen

Meet your Parent Champion Chloe Hastings (Mrs Spencer's Class)

Thank you to all the parents supporting activities this year

FRIENDS FRIDAY

AUTUMN TERM EDITION 1

WE'VE MADE IT TO THE END OF WEEK TWO!

Welcome back! The start of a new school year is always a bit crazy, new uniforms, teachers, classmates and a return to the weekly routine all takes a little while to get used to. But with the kids now settled into their new classes, we can pat ourselves on the back for getting ourselves back into the swing of things.

If you're new to the school this may be the first you have heard of the "Friends". **Who and what are the "Friends"** you might think. In short, it's the PTA. As a parent at St Joseph's, you are already an honorary member. Each year we ask our parent body to consider stepping up to help make the everyday special here at our school. There are lots of ways that you can help make this happen (and our first suggestion is below). **But why is getting involved important?** Like any school, the nice to dos, the enrichment programmes and opportunities to come together at events cost money and time which schools can little afford. But by getting involved just a little - you can make a big difference - you can see what effect it had last year below. As well as what we are up to this term.

If you feel you can, please do get in touch to pledge your time.

Maria

FOSJ Chair 2018/19 & Year 2 Parent

2018/19 FUNDRAISING

We had a really good year last year, raising over £1700, with in-kind donations, like the donated road signage, over the top of this. We were really pleased that this meant we could subsidise the Y6 end of year trip, buy an Easter egg for every child and a Christmas gift, as well as create a campaign to make our roads safer. [You can find out all about our activities and exact fundraising total on our Facebook Parent Chat by clicking here.](#)

NEW PARENT COFFEE MORNING - THANK YOU SHARON

A thank you to Sharon (Year 2 Parent) who came forward to volunteer her time at our new parent coffee morning at the start of term. It's always daunting starting a new school, so we hope the new parents that joined us found it useful to ask those day one questions to parents who'd been there. Thank you also to the parents who donated on the day. Every little helps!



PARENTS ON FRIEND'S COMMITTEE



Following our AGM, we have decided to go out school-wide to recruit new parent governors and committee reps for the Friends. More information will follow, but do speak to your school teachers, or contact us on Facebook or email to find out more about ways you can get involved. We have roles to suit any kind of commitment - no matter how little time you have.

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS - THANK YOU DALE

Another special thank you to Dale (Year 2 Parent) who got involved last year and is helping to get us in shape to apply for funding for our school. Dale was really keen to help make sure the children across the school could benefit from improved spaces, and stepped forward to help us get this project up and running. Thank you Dale!

WELCOME YOUR FIRST PARENT CHAMPION - CHLOE HASTINGS



Another thank you goes to new parent Chloe Hastings who has stepped up to be our first parent champion. Parent Champions are the parents in your class that chat to teachers and other parents to know what's going on, what's going well or not so much so, and feeds it back into the school to see how we could help or improve. They also help to generate excitement and support in your class around fundraising initiatives. If you're in Mrs Spencer's class and want to chat with Chloe about anything, you'll find her doing school pickups and drop-offs!

ROAD SAFETY - THANK YOU AZIZZA

Following a successful trial period last year, we have decided to extend the trial period for our school one way into this school year. A very big thanks to Azziza and husband Stephen for installing the signage ready for this year. Thank you also to those who volunteered your time and shared their feedback with us.

We will continue to monitor its use periodically. We will also be putting our energy into tackling dangerous and inconsiderate parking around our school. From this term, school car parking tickets will be given out - which will be an indicator that your registration has been put on file, and persistent offenders will be forwarded to our local police team.

We have also enlisted the assistance of our local council, and are grateful to Deputy Mayor Adam Clarke who is helping to get our issues heard with the highways agency. **Thank you all for your support so far.** If you do have any questions regarding the one way, parking, or generally safety in our neighbourhood, email friendsofstjosephs-leicester@outlook.com and we'll do our best to assist you.



DO YOU WANT A HALLOWEEN DISCO?



Each year we have put on a much-loved Halloween disco, but this disco is only possible with the help of our parents. We need 8 volunteers from 5:00-7:30pm on October 31st to make it happen. So if you'd like to make sure that your child can experience a disco this school year, please sign up for volunteering at the link below before September 30. Should we not secure 8 volunteers, the disco will, unfortunately not go ahead - it's in our power to make it happen!
> [Volunteer your time by clicking here.](#)

HAVE A FANTASTIC TERM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON

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