

Friends of Marchington School

Friday 12th October 2018

Message from the Chair

I'd like to start by saying a big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillian Coffee Afternoon on the 28th September. There was a great atmosphere within the school hall and the children loved having us there. To raise £160.25 is amazing, well done to everyone who took part, there was a fantastic selection of cakes that were



donated, which the children and families thoroughly enjoyed.

There are currently many plates spinning in the team, from organising a day out for the children, logo design and promoting the school and much more, so things may have been quiet but behind

the scenes there is a lot going on.

I now have a diary taking us to the end of the school year, marked with all our up coming events, if you would like to volunteer for one of our future events please let me know. We have some really fantastic events coming up but we really need some help to make them a success and memorable for the children.

What is Friends of Marchington School?

Friends of Marchington School is an organisation to encourage a closer link between home and school. The events that we organise not only raise money but provide an opportunity for families, staff and pupils to get together. As a member of your child's family, you are automatically a member of the Friends of Marchington School Team.

We raise money through different events that we have communicated to you in previous letters. However, we are always looking for new fundraising ideas.

The funds raised are intended to provide "extras" not already provided by the school's main income. Fun things that make learning more interesting and exciting. Sometimes funds will put forward for more mundane items but will help the children with their education. In the past the team have raised money to fund transportation to events, for software and for smaller purchases such as presents for Father Christmas to distribute.

There are many ways in which you can help the Friends of Marchington School team, and we appreciate that you may not have a lot of time to offer. However, I feel that all the roles are really rewarding.

Whether you can help to organise one of our big events such the Christmas Fair, or help run a stall for an hour, or bake a cake for an assembly or serving

tea and coffee, your help is really needed and most importantly APPRECIATED!

You can always support our events by simply coming along!

Upcoming Events

MONDAY 22ND OCT – Halloween Disco & Friends of Marchington School Meeting 3:15pm – 5pm

FRIDAY 26TH OCT – Family Assembly – Tea and Cake served from 2pm

Half Term Holidays Begin

SATURDAY 27TH OCT – Charity Pub Quiz 7:30pm

TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER – Back to School

THURSDAY 8TH November – Open Day for prospective parents

FRIDAY 9TH November – Remembrance Service at Church – 2:15pm

Charity Pub Quiz

Tickets are on sale for the Charity Pub Quiz, taking place on Saturday 27th October at 7:30pm at the Bulls Head in Marchington.

During the evening we will be doing a raffle. We have had some fabulous prizes already donated such as Fresh Organic Milk, a Family Feast for 4 from Sergeant Peppers, a box of Crisps from Tyrells and a voucher from the Village Shop.

We would really like to add some more prizes to the list, if you have anything that you would like to donate then please let the team know.

Raffles tickets will be on sale prior to the quiz night for those who are unable to attend. All proceeds are for the Friends on Marchington School funds.

Promoting St Peter's Cof E First School

As you may be aware, the school is opening its doors on Thursday 8th November, for potential families to come and view the fantastic facilities that are available at St Peter's. We are currently in the process of designing flyers and posters. We need your help to advertise this fantastic event. Whether is be that you know of a noticeboard, local to you that could display a poster, or you are able to distribute some flyers, door to door to people that live close by, please let us know.



We're on Facebook

Please go on to Facebook and search for **Friends of Marchington School** and request to join the group. The group is a closed group to keep the information private from other Facebook users. We also have the page set so that all posts have to be approved so that we can protect all our followers and their families, however we endeavour to approve posts within seconds so you are able to discuss matters with other users.



St Peter's CofE (VE) First School also has a Facebook page, that safely shares the facilities available at school and the activities that our children take part in.

It would be great if you could search for **St Peter's C of E First School**, like and share the page and encourage friends and family to do the same.

In regards to all social media accounts, please can we request that if you wish to share photos taken at school, or during school activities that they only contain your own children. As other parents may not wish for their children to be displayed on the internet even if your privacy levels are very high.

For previous users of the MSA Facebook page, the same group still exists however it has been renamed earlier this week.

Halloween Disco

Are you available to help at the Halloween Disco on Monday 22nd October from 3:15pm – 5pm. We will be serving snacks, playing games, dancing and generally having fun. Katie Cashmore, Megan Plant, Amanda Leonard and Sarah Ball have very kindly offered to help but we could really do with a few more volunteers please.



Friends of Marchington School Meeting

If the Halloween Disco isn't your cup of tea, but you would like to help in some way, then why not come along to the next team meeting. The children will be entertained at the disco, whilst the rest of the year is planned out with events. It will be taking place in the Birch Room from 3:15pm – 5pm, Monday 22nd October.

Year 4 Families

OLDFIELDS HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL – Open Evening Tuesday 16th October 6pm-8pm
WINDSOR PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL – Open Evening Thursday 18th October 6pm – 8pm

Parents Evening

To confirm, Parents Evening has been postponed. New dates will be confirmed shortly.

Communication

It has been decided as of January 2019 all newsletters will be sent out electronically.

We will continue to pop a paper copy within book bags until the end of the Autumn term.

We have decided to move to this method for many reasons:

Saves Time – printing and popping the newsletters in book bags is surprisingly time consuming.

Better Access – The newsletters will be stored on the school website and Friends of Marchington School Facebook page, allowing you to access the newsletter at anytime from your phone or laptop.

Reduces costs – Paper, ink and toner costs will be reduced. Which can be spent on resources elsewhere.

Eco-Friendly – As you've seen over the last few weeks a huge amount of paper has been sent home. It is estimated that 20 reems of paper is the equivalent of a small tree. Hopefully over the years we could save a small forest.



The newsletters can be sent out directly to you email address, a text will be sent with a link to the newsletter. The newsletters will be posted on the school website along with the Friends of Marchington School Facebook page.

Over the next few weeks, it is your responsibility to make sure that Mrs Ashmore has the email addresses and mobile phone numbers that you wish the newsletter and link to be sent to. More than one email address and mobile phone can be used per family.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

HOLIDAY: Monday 29 Oct - Friday 2 Nov

INSET DAY: Monday 7 Nov

TERM ENDS: Thursday 20 Dec

INSET DAY: Friday 21 Dec

HOLIDAY: Monday 24 Dec- Friday 4 Jan

Spring Term 2019

INSET DAY: Monday 7 Jan

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 8 Jan

Bootcamp Fitness – FIRST CLASS FREE

Now located at St Peter's School, Marchington.

Every Monday night 7-8pm. Only £4 a class on the day or just £3 if you book up for the month! Great friendly environment. All levels of fitness welcome.

Final Note...

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa