



The Friends of St Thomas More

Winter Term 2019

Friends Newsletter

Money Raised:

Family Social	£53.90
Book Fair	£183
Halloween Disco	£439.85
Nativity Plays	£111.44
Cards & Calendars	£2,983
Easyfundraising (To date)	£2,404

So, we've moved into another year. What will 2019 have in store? Take a look overleaf for our upcoming events.

The Autumn Term was super busy with all the usual events in the run up to Christmas: The F2 and KS1 Nativities had us baking mince pies and biscuits; the re-introduced cracker night was a great success with many new faces joining in a great social evening - the kids appreciated the crackers at the Christmas Dinner which ran like clockwork!

Our BookPeople Book Fair raised a fantastic £183. This money will be used to buy more books for the school. The teachers greatly appreciated the books that were gifted to them. Everyone enjoyed dressing up for the Halloween Disco (kids and Friends!) and way back in September the Family Social Bring and Share welcomed new faces and old and was an enjoyable evening for all.

The Friends have also helped out with refreshments at school plays, Open Evening and helped look after our fabulous TAs on National Teaching Assistants' Day

Some Pictures...

Money Donated:

F2 Outdoor Supplies	£300
Bibles/House Trip	£1000
Class Donations	£900
Playground Equipment	£200
F2 toys	£57.25
Playground Accessories	£254
Pantomime	£2,778



Christmas Baking



Book selling



TA treating



Kid scaring!

The Friends Quarterly Draw

Quarterly Draw Winners:

Dec 2018

£200 - B Ryan

£20 - M Bennett

£10 - C Gittus

The Quarterly Draw needs you! It's a really easy way to give something to the school with absolutely minimal effort, AND you'll be in with a chance to win first prize of £200 at each draw. It costs £5 month and the easiest way to pay is to set up a standing order, but we also accept cheques and cash! We need more people to join the draw as by doing so we can look to increase the 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Please consider joining, either speak to Joanna Rennie or Rachael Ellis or email us at stmfriends34@yahoo.com.

The Friends: Info

Keep an eye on our noticeboard for more details of upcoming events.

Find information on the school website:
www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk/friends-of-stthomas-more

Contact us direct:
stmfriends34@yahoo.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BINGO IS BACK! Friday 22nd March. A fabulously fun evening for the whole family. Details to follow very soon.

Sing-a-long film night - Thursday 2nd May

And finally, it's time to shake things up a bit, and so we introduce our Summer Fest (or the May Fayre, but in June!) This year it will take place on Saturday 8th June so please save the date.

If you would like to get involved with the Friends, have any skills or services you would like to offer, or if you would like to join our Quarterly Draw then please get in touch.

Big Projects

They're finally here - the long-awaited trim trails are up and running in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds! The kids have been having great fun on them since they were finished just before Christmas.

The Friends contributed around £5,000 to pay for the KS1 trim trail.

The Friends have also donated new playground equipment to keep the children active and entertained at break, items such as skipping ropes, hula hoops, cone cups etc..

There are more plans for the playground underway as well to make it a more attractive and engaging area for everyone - watch this space!

On the last day of term the Friends treated the whole school to a trip to the Pantomime. ("Oh no we didn't - Oh yes we did!") We hope all the children enjoyed it, It's something we would like to do every year for the whole school to enjoy. The money raised from the Christmas Cards and Birthday Calendars will go towards funding this trip. We'd like to say a huge thanks for the wonderful 'Thank You' cards we received from the children.



Finances - A Thank You

Money raised in the school year 2017/18 totalled a fantastic ...

£11,723

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Next Friends Meeting on Tuesday 26th February...

...will be to plan the Summer Fest. If you've got any ideas for stalls or events, would like to run your own stall, have ideas (or contacts) for entertainment or would just like to get more involved then please come along to the Parish Rooms at 7.45pm

The Friends: Who's Who?

Following our recent AGM we'd like to introduce you to the Committee behind the Friends...

Co-Chairs



Ebony Taylor

Ebony has been doing more and more for the Friends over the past few years culminating in her current role as Co-Chair with Kirti. She has a son Lorenzo in Yr4.



Kirti Mistry-McLaughlin

Kirti has supported the Friends ad hoc for the past few years and has enjoyed meeting new people. She's now stepped up to Co-Chair with Ebony to move us forward! Kirti has a daughter in Yr4 and a son due to start in September.

Vice-Chair



Beata Hughes

Bea is our newest committee member, (not to mention our star gingerbread baker!) She has a daughter in Yr4 and a son in Yr3

Treasurer



Hayley Birrell

Hayley has been our Treasurer for the past 5 years keeping our finances under control and writing the all important cheques to the school. She has one son in Yr5 and one son due to start in September.

Vice-Treasurer



Natasha Kearney

Natasha has been at STM for years - she remembers Mrs Crosse when she was a teacher here! Her youngest son is in Yr4 and she has 2 older sons who are 17 and 24.

Secretary



Rachael Ellis

Rachael is our longest standing committee member having been involved with The Friends since 2011. She likes to work behind the scenes. Rachael has 3 daughters at the school.

General



Mahala Nemauro

Mahala has been with us since 2016 as our general committee member. She has 2 daughters at the school in Yrs 2 and F2 and a 16month old at home.