The Friends of St Paul's School

Registered charity number 311003

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

Dear Friends,

The new school year is well underway and we start by offering a very warm welcome to every new parent. We look forward to seeing you at Friends' meetings and events during the year.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Tanja Dawson, who has stepped down as Chair after three years. She has given selflessly to the school and we have been grateful for her leadership.

There's lots going on in the weeks and months ahead, so we've put together a calendar (see below) so that nothing comes as a surprise! Thanks in advance for supporting/getting involved.

This year we aim to generate a surplus of £13,764 ,which will be used to purchase new items for the school (e.g. touch screens, gym mats, books) as well as providing contributions towards the cost of school trips, activities and guest visits.

Please read on for important Christmas information and to learn about last year's fundraising results.

Here's to a great year ahead!

NEWSBITES

- 'Jazzy Jars' will be making way for 'Christmas Cones' this term *(Don't be sad JJ fans… they'll be back in the Summer!)*
- The Friends' area of the school website will be updated later this term. Watch that space!
- The Advent Market will be even hotter this year (if health and safety allows!) with a fire pit for marshmallows!

2017/18 TARGET = £13,764

TOTAL RAISED = £0!

£15,671 raised in 2016/17

KEY DATES THIS TERM

DRESS-DOWN DAY
Friday 20th October
(Please send your child with a bottle for the Advent Tombola)

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS
Due Friday Nov 3rd

NEXT FRIENDS' MEETING
Wednesday 8th Nov, 7.30pm

WEAR SOMETHING RED DAY
Friday 10th November
(Please send your child with chocolates for Advent Tombola)

ADVENT MARKET
Sunday 26th Nov, 12-2.30pm
(Open at 12pm by School Choir; Raffle draw at 2.15pm)

See following pages for more…

THE FRIENDS' COMMITTEE 2017/18

Chairs	Alison Parker & Wil Berdinner	Treasurer	Claire Jones
Nursery	Vanessa Williams & Caroline Stuart	Year 3	Jo McKerrow & Cherry Langford
Reception	Vanessa Doman & Rachel Whitby	Year 4	Kerrie Farmer
Year 1	Emily Pearson Wiggs & Claire Jones	Year 5	Natalie Rees & Lucy Thomas
Year 2	Lucy Thomas & Kirsty Stickland	Year 6	Lucy Farquharson & Hayley Funnell

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Classes have already started making their Christmas Cards. The ordering turnaround is quite tight. Order forms will be sent out on Friday before half term (20th Oct) and will need **returning by the Friday after half term** (Nov 3rd).

RESULTS 2016/17

Thanks to everyone who supported and gave their time last year. The results are in and they are very good! After all costs were deducted, we generated a surplus of **£15,671** – all of which is being used towards making St Paul's School an even better place for our children.

The top five fundraising events were: the 50th Anniversary Ball (£3,196); the Summer Fair (£2,190); the Advent Market (£2,019); School Lottery (£1,347); and the 2016 Pantomime (£1,041). *(surplus is shown in brackets)*

PANTO – ONLY 25 TICKETS LEFT!

Only 25 of the 310 tickets we've reserved to see Aladdin on Sat 9th Dec remain. If you're thinking of coming please book asap to avoid missing out. See Wisepay for more info and to book.

ADVENT MARKET 2017

This year's event is shaping up well, to include the following, and much more:

- Letters to Santa; games; chestnuts, marshmallows and hot chocolate by the fire; face painting; name a bear; hot food, cakes and refreshments; Tea at the Ritz (hosted by Year 6)
- A Secret Room – *Instead of the traditional two days of present-selling in school time, this room will allow children to choose Christmas presents for loved ones at the Advent Market. For those unable to attend the market a day will be set aside in school, so nobody misses out.*
- Santa's Grotto *(pre-booking details will be released shortly)*
- A variety of gift stalls *(exhibitors encouraged to book **asap**)*
- Raffles and Tombolas – *Prizes needed see* →

Entrance will be £1 for adults and free for children

HELP NEEDED!

Can you help provide any of the following for the Advent Market? If so, **please speak to your class rep asap**. Thank you!

Teddy Bears (old or new).

Prizes for the adult and children's raffle. Do you know a person or company that could donate a gift in-kind?

Matching **fine china cups, saucers and side plates.**

The Friends' of St Paul's School (otherwise known as the Parent Teacher Association - PTA) is an independent charity which exists to enhance the community and work of St Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary and Nursery School. This is achieved by running a range of social and fundraising events throughout the year.

The charity is entirely volunteer-run, by parents. Every parent of St Paul's is a member of the charity, by association with the school. To learn more or to get involved in any way, please come along to a meeting, or email friends@stpauls779.herts.sch.uk

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FRIENDS' CALENDAR – AUTUMN TERM 2017/18

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Friday 6th, 3-4pm **COFFEE AFTERNOON** *Run by Yr 6* *Second hand uniform on sale*	Friday 3rd, 3-4pm **COFFEE AFTERNOON** *Run by Yr 5* *Second hand uniform on sale*	Friday 1st, 3-4pm **COFFEE AFTERNOON** *Run by Yr 4* *Second hand uniform on sale*
Friday 20th **DRESS-DOWN DONATION DAY** *Wear non-uniform to school* Please donate **any** unopened bottle for the Advent tombola (e.g. drink, shampoo, oil…)	Friday 3rd **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS DUE**	Saturday 9th, 2pm **PANTOMIME – ALADDIN** The Alban Arena, St Albans
	Friday 10th **DRESS-DOWN DONATION DAY** *Wear something red to school* Please donate any chocolates, for Advent tombola	Tuesday 12th **CHRISTINGLE** Friends needed to make Christingle oranges
	Wednesday 8th, 7.30pm **FRIENDS' MEETING** All welcome	Wednesday 13th **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Friends needed to decorate tables and serve lunch
	Friday 17th **AUTUMN DISCO** *Run by Yrs 2, 5 & 6*	Thursday 14th **CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES** Organised by Class Reps
	Sunday 26th 12pm-2.30pm **ADVENT MARKET**	
	Tuesday 28th **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ON SALE**	
	Wednesday 29th, 7.30pm **FRIENDS' MEETING** All welcome	

KEY

- Green = Fundraisers (non-school hours)
- Blue = Fundraisers (school hours)
- Yellow = Meetings
- Red = Items requested

Items in **white boxes** are non-fundraising events, but are supported by the Friends through volunteers and donations.