The Friends of St Paul's School

Registered charity number 311003

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Friends,

We're off the mark and have achieved 19% of our annual fundraising target so far (see right ->). This is encouraging news, as our largest fundraisers are yet to come (i.e. Advent Market and Summer Fair). Thank you to everyone who has given time, money, gifts and support so far.

For those interested in the breakdown, here's what's been achieved to date:

Christmas Cards (£370); Coffee afternoons (£316 + £129 in merchandise sales); Gift Aid income to date (£214); school uniform label income (£57); Half-Term Treasure Hunt (£329); School Lottery (£232); Textiles Recycling (£141).

In addition, £806 was raised from sales of the panto tickets. We're delighted to say that this was sold out and we look forward to the event on 9th December.

We are pleased to announce that we have so far been able to purchase new gym mats for the school and we have also agreed to fund a new lighting rig for the school hall from last year's reserves. This will enhance school events productions.

Please read on for important information for the weeks ahead.

With huge thanks from,

Your Friends' Committee

2017/18 TARGET = £13,764

TOTAL TO DATE = £2,593

KEY DATES

AUTUMN DISCO
Friday 17th Nov
(See School newsletter for details)

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

FRIENDS' MEETING
Wednesday 29th Nov, 7.30pm
(All parents very welcome)

COFFEE AFTERNOON
Friday 1st Dec, 3-4pm
(Run by Yr 4. Second-hand uniform on sale)

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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SAVE THE DATE

We have booked a quizmaster and can confirm that our family quiz night will take place on St Patrick's Day. Fancy dress definitely allowed!

Saturday 17th March 2018, 5.30pm.

– NEWS BITES –

- If you shop at Tesco Leavesden, we're applying for the carrier bag scheme. Please look out for us and vote!
- The Panto on December 9th has SOLD OUT! Thanks to all who purchased tickets.
- The Advent Market fire pit has got the go ahead, so come ready for hot chocolate and s'mores!
- Nativity photos will be on sale on 5th and 7th December, at each performance.

PLEASE REMEMBER to return your raffle tickets and Christmas Cones by Friday 24th and Thursday 23rd respectively. Also, look out for plates, which will be coming home via book bags, for cake donations. Thank you!

ADVENT MARKET 2017

This year's event will include the following, and much more:

- Letters to Santa; games; marshmallows (s'mores) and hot chocolate by the fire; face painting; Teddy Tombola; hot food, cakes and refreshments; Tea at the Ritz (hosted by Year 6); a Secret Room (for children to purchase Christmas gifts and £1.50 each have them wrapped for friends and family); a variety of gift stalls; and raffle.

- Santa's Grotto – pre-booking will be available at the start of the Market. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Entrance will be £1 for adults and free for children

HELP NEEDED!

Thanks for all donations so far. We still need:

Teddy Bears (old or new).

Prizes for the adult and children's raffle.

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

Please speak to your class rep asap if you can help.

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

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Friday 17th **AUTUMN DISCO** *Run by Yrs 2, 5 & 6*	Friday 1st, 3-4pm **COFFEE AFTERNOON** *Run by Yr 4* *Second hand uniform on sale*
Sunday 26th 12pm-2.30pm **ADVENT MARKET**	Saturday 9th, 2pm **PANTOMIME – ALADDIN** The Alban Arena, St Albans
Tuesday 28th **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ON SALE**	Wednesday 13th **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Friends needed to decorate tables and serve lunch
Wednesday 29th, 7.30pm **FRIENDS' MEETING** All welcome	Thursday 14th **CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES** Organised by Class Reps

KEY

- Green = Fundraisers (non-school hours)
- Blue = Fundraisers (school hours)
- Yellow = Meetings
- Red = Items requested
- White = non-fundraising events, but are supported by the Friends through volunteers and donations.