

Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported The Friends this term. The winter term is the busiest and as a newly formed committee we've had some interesting learning curves and faced some new challenges, but we feel overall it has been very positive.

Unfortunately, we have accepted Clare Wheeler's resignation as a named member of the committee. We would like to thank her and recognise all the work that she has put in this term and the great ideas, including the wreath making night, which was a huge success! Clare will remain an integral supporter of The Friends.

Thank you to the following for their support:

Laurie Law for her fabulous instruction at the wreath making night and Q Financial for their sponsorship.

Marie Corbett @ 'Forever Treasured' for all her sewing efforts.

We want to extend our thanks to everyone who baked for the Christmas performance and donated hamper or raffle prizes, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Friends of St Lawrence Newsletter February 2020

Changes

Many of you have noticed the changes to our events schedule last term. The 'Wreath Making Night' replaced the Christmas Fair. The Fair is a huge event which really needs 10 - 15 people to set up and run effectively. We struggled to find 6 volunteers or a suitable date where everyone that could help could attend.

We hope the children enjoyed the "after party" after the school Nativity. From the lovely feedback it was clear that they certainly did and the horde of amazing donated cakes did not last long!

The Father Christmas grotto was another big change this year. It takes 2 – 3 people just to set the grotto up and that's before gifts, ticketing, etc. We understand from Mrs Moore and the parents who provided feedback that the children enjoyed their story, Father Christmas' class visit and gift bag.

There are likely to be other changes from previous years moving forward due to commitments of the committee and availability of volunteers.

We hope you and the children will enjoy the events and get involved in any way you can.

Fundraising

Second Handbook fair - £119.37 Harvest Festival - £101.40 Newsletter - £120.00 Ex-parent donation - £150.00 Penny race - £149.95 Take Away Tea - £29.29 Wreath Making - £991.54 Nativity events total - £431.96 Secret shopping - £100.87 Raffles - £166.00

Profit total £2360.38

Spring Term Ideas

Dates to be confirmed. Penny Race. Easter Service Refreshments. Kristy Kreme playground sale.

Updates

We voted to reduce the target for this year's fundraising from £5000 to £3000. This is because we are struggling to put on the large events that bring in the big profits.

All money raised this year forms the basis of the money available to the school to spend next year.

We now have 2 SumUp card terminals. Meaning we can take both contactless and card payments at events.



We are setting up a website on PTA-events. This platform will allow us to have our own webpage, online ticketing, event management and one place where you can access minutes and newsletter and volunteer for the events that you can get involved in. We need someone to run this page.

We hope that keeping up to date with the newsletter and minutes will help you become more involved and remain informed.

We want to provide greater transparency about what we do and what your money and support provide.

If you are interested in running this page please get in touch.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge Well Done to all the children for their amazing fundraising with our first Penny Race!

Congratulations to St. George's House for winning the first race.

We hope the Children enjoyed finding and saving the pennies. We will be running this event every 3 months. Don't worry we will send reminders out!

We have heard from several children that the challenge is now on for the trophy - so good luck!





Committee

Named members: Gemma Selby – Chair <u>gehselby@gmail.com</u> Victoria Selby – Vice Chair Jenny Mainwaring – Secretary Steve Ashby – Treasurer Kerry Castello – Communications PR – Non-Named Members: Louisa Gould Rachel Perry

Dates

Due to Clare Wheeler stepping down we have an available seat on the committee. We need to fill this seat, so we have a full voting quorum.

If you would be interested in volunteering for The Friends Committee PR Seat. Please speak to one of us or come along to the next meeting.

We will get dates of events this term out to you in February.

Next Meeting: Is to be confirmed.

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