

Scorton C of E School

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Dear Parents,

The first meeting of the Scorton Friends' Association took place last week. The Friends' Association exists to support the school in providing a rich and engaging curriculum for all our pupils. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school and therefore benefit the pupils. PTA's (Parent Teacher Associations) such as The Friends' Association are best known for their **fundraising** work, but they have a useful social function too. Our association is open to anyone who wishes to support the school - not just parents but grandparents, neighbours and community members. Thank you to Mrs Webster (Finn Y3 and Ursa Y2), Mrs Huntington (Lewis Y2), Mrs Cunliffe (Lucy Y5), Mrs Birchall (Tallulah Y6 and Orlando Y4), Mrs Harwood (Isabel Y6 and Matthew Y5) and Mr Collinson (Stanley Y5) who were able to attend the meeting.

At the meeting the following decisions were made:

The Friends' currently has approximately £5,700 available to spend. School has requested support for the following:

£10 per pupil towards the Christmas lunch and theatre trip with parents asked to contribute the remaining costs.

£200 towards an art project to have a textile artist work with pupils to design a worship cloth for use as table covering in assembly times in church.

St Peter's church are also supporting the cost of this project.

£300 towards a new outdoor noticeboard for parent information.

£2000 towards a library improvement project - Mrs Hesketh is applying for a grant to support this work.

£2000 towards development of the nature area plans

The 70 club will be reformed and numbers for the 70 club will be on sale in the New Year.

We have the following fundraising events planned during the year but we also want ideas for lots more:

Autumn Term: chocolate fondue stall, lucky dip and gifts at Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November 11.30am to 3pm

Spring Term: Bikes and Barrows Rose Queen Festival

Summer Term: Supper Run

Help and volunteers needed:

We would like to invite any parents or carers to come along and help make marshmallow snowmen to sell at the Christmas Fair. We will be making these (very easy and all ingredients/parts supplied) after school in Bowland class at 3.15 on Wednesday night. Children can be accommodated at After School Club for no cost for all parents able to help.

Volunteers to help run our stall on Saturday in the village hall from 11.30-3 - just half an hour ensures that the work is shared between the many and not the few!

Help also need to work on our nature area - bring your old clothes and wellies. We need to clear the pond and begin to make changes to the fencing around the pond, clear leaves and cut back shrubs for winter. Refreshments will be provided. 3.30 until 4.30 or until light fails! A further session has been planned for a Saturday afternoon depending on our progress!

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th January at 3.30 pm in school (children can come to after school club for no charge). Please come along - the meeting will be an opportunity to meet other parents and share ideas for future events.



I/We are able to help with the following - please tick all that apply. Thank you

- Making Christmas gifts (Blue Peter style) **Wednesday 22nd November 3.15-4.30**
- Helping at the Christmas Fair **Saturday 25th November** (please state time you are available)

11am (setting up)

11.30

12.00

1.00

1.30

2.00

2.30

- Monday 4th December 3.30-4.30 nature area - wellies and old clothes!
- I can come along to the next meeting on January 17th January at 3.30 pm in school (children can be in After School club free of charge for parents attending this meeting).

Name:

Thank you