

NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S DURHAM



The Friends of St Margaret's are a group of volunteer parents, carers and school staff who all work together and give their time to raise much needed funds for the school.

We are a registered charity and raise money to enhance and enrich the children's school lives and education along with building a school community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

26 MAR 2021

Last Day of Term

12 APR 2021

First Day of Summer Term

29 APR 2021

Friends Members Meeting

Please join us if you can!

28 MAY 2021

Non Uniform Day

Mad Hair & Wear What You Like Theme

BINGO SUCCESS!



This term we held our first Virtual Friends Family Bingo Night and it was a huge success! Mrs Black did a great job of calling the numbers for us and it has definitely left us wanting to run the event again. We were so pleased to have been able to offer a school community event that brought us all together after so many weeks of separation with home learning. We had over 60 families join us on the night!

Many congratulations to our winners Eliza, Rory and Penelope, we hope you enjoyed spending your gift vouchers.

Thank you so much to all the families, teachers and school staff for your support and joining us for such a fun evening.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The second stage of adopting the new constitution is under way with the Charity Commission. We are just waiting for them to get to our case file and let us know if it has been approved.

We will keep you updated!

OLD RED & BLACK UNIFORM

As the new uniform change over period is coming to an end we have teamed up with a parent who works at a nearby school. Their school still wear red t-shirts and black trousers/skirts/shorts which we will have phased out by September. They would love to take any unwanted items (no logo) that you will no longer require and the Friends will also be donating anything suitable from the Second Hand Uniform stock that we can't use anymore.

We will be making a collection in May.



FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S



THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

As we are approaching the final term of the school year the Committee's thoughts are turning to what is next for the Friends. This year the Friends has been run by a team of three parents and we really need more people to help move forward. The more people there are the less work there is for each person.

Do you have the skills and some time to dedicate to running the Friends? Many parents who volunteer to be a Committee member also work and much of the Charity's activity is fitted in around other commitments and family life, you make it work for you! It is a great way to meet and get to know other parents as well as raising much needed funds for our children and school. Please contact us for more info about the Committee and roles available!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: £2,111

- £57 AMAZON SMILE COMMISSION

UPCOMING

We are waiting to see how the rules and regulations change over the next few weeks as the country slowly opens up.

We have lots of ideas and hopes for next term and will let you all know as soon as we are able.

Many thanks for your continued support.

CURRENT FUNDRAISING SITUATION

After such a fantastic start to the fundraising year we were hit hard with the news of Lockdown #3. The Committee met (virtually) as soon as the news was announced and decided that as many people were once again facing uncertain and potentially hard times financially, we would only fundraise with a very light touch. This was discussed and agreed at the Friends Members Meeting that took place on 18 January 2021.

This term our only fundraising activity was through our online partners and we have raised £57.18 via Amazon Smile during the last quarter. Please, please do sign up to both Amazon Smile and easyfundraising – details below. It's such an easy and free way to raise funds at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

**29 APRIL 2021 @ 8PM
VIA ZOOM**

ONLINE FUNDRAISING

If you are doing any shopping online, please consider signing up to [easyfundraising](#) and [AmazonSmile](#).

Both partners will raise FREE donations for the Friends of St Margaret's at no extra cost to yourself.

Signing up is quick and simple to do online or click the logos below. It's a great way to raise extra funds for FREE!



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Please note in the interest of security and safety you must be authorised by the Friends Admin team on both website and Facebook as both are closed groups.

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