

# NEWS

ISSUE #4 SUMMER 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**16 JUL 2021**

**Last Day of Term**

**03 SEP 2021**

**First Day of Autumn Term**

**10 SEP 2021**

**New Parents Coffee Morning**

*10am Venue TBC*

**23 SEP 2021**

**Friends AGM Meeting**

*Via Zoom. Please join us if you can!*

## Second Hand Uniform

We are very much looking forward to holding a safe second hand uniform sale early on in October. If you have any old uniform please consider donating it to our sale and keep it to one side until we are able to collect it.

Thank you.

Details of sale date TBC.

# 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.*

## A HUGE THANK YOU!

Here we are at the end of another term and school year and what a year it's been! The Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends over the past year with either time, energy or money! Set against a challenging and tough fundraising landscape we have managed to raise lots of much needed money for the school and our children and had some fun along the way.

Although we haven't been able to hold many in person events we have certainly been kept very busy! We are delighted to report that the new Constitution is now fully adopted and signed off by the Charity Commission, a huge thanks to all the parents and staff who attended the many meetings in order to make this happen. The process highlighted a number of areas that also needed attention in the day to day running of the charity and we are pleased to say that we are now fit for purpose and looking forward to an easier year next year!

This term we are really excited to share the news that we have funded a new defibrillator machine to be housed in school. This is a vital piece of life saving equipment that will be installed over the summer break.

We wish you all a safe and fun summer and look forward to seeing everyone in person next September!

Victoria, Hannah & Amanda.

FOSM Committee

## LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

The Friends have been asked by school to raise funds specifically for our three library spaces. They are looking a bit tired so our aim is to raise enough funds to refurbish them as well as adding new books and creating fun, fresh, exciting places to relax and enjoy reading.

To make a donation please go to our Just Giving page at

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmargaretslibraries](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmargaretslibraries)

Thanks to all who have contributed so far.



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## THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Friends Committee needs you! In September at the AGM a new Committee will be needed to take over the running of the Friends. 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.

For more info about the various roles check out the Friends page on the School Website, our Facebook page or email us.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**TOTAL RAISED THIS TERM: £624**

- £415 NON UNIFORM DAY
- £81 BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION
- £42 AMAZON SMILE COMMISSION
- £58 EASY FUNDRAISING COMMISSION
- £28 2021/22 JENNY ULYATT ACADEMIC CALENDARS

*Many thanks to Jenny for her generous donation to the Friends with this fundraiser*

#### PLUS

- £1,700 JUST GIVING DONATIONS SO FAR FOR LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE 2020/21

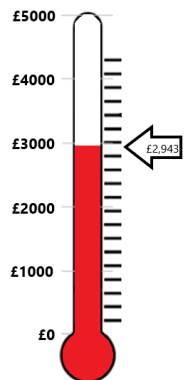
Here's what we achieved this year

**Raised £2,943**

After another difficult few months of restrictions we are pleased to say that we have managed to add some more money into the fundraising pot this term. Our final fundraising initiative for the year is for our library spaces and hasn't been included in this total – we will update you in the autumn.

#### Funds used to pay for...

- Hardship Fund (£200 Allocated)
- Bug Club Subscription
- News 4 Kids Subscription
- Y6 Leavers Contribution towards Hoodies
- Christmas Cracker Alternative Gifts
- Defibrillator Machine & Cabinet
- Staff First Aid Training for Defib Machine



### JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

**23 SEP 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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<https://www.st-margarets.durham.sch.uk/community/friends-of-st-margarets/>



Facebook: Friends of Durham St Margaret's C of E Primary



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Please note in the interest of security and safety you must be authorised by the Friends Admin team on Facebook as it is a closed group.

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