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The Friends of Ripley St. Thomas Newsletter

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Calling all New Parents—it's the class of 2017. Did you want to be a fly on the wall on the day your child started Ripley? Do you want to meet his/her progress tutor? Well now you can! Come to the Year 7 Curriculum and New Friends' Evening on Thursday 5 October, 6.00pm in the Chapel.

There will be a very short talk about the work The Friends do to support your children then the moment you have been waiting for - to watch your children on their first few days. We filmed it all: arrival at school, assembly, tutor time, break/lunch and buses. We promise to make you smile, laugh and possibly shed a tear or two.

After the video you will hear about the Curriculum.

In the dining room there will be light refreshments served and a chance to say a quick hello to your child's progress tutor. The Friends will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The evening should finish at about 8.15pm.

This evening is really only for parents but we would not want anyone to miss out, so if childcare is a problem, you are welcome to bring children along.

Some of you may know that we are no longer able to run our bonfire/firework display. This event was by far our largest fundraiser. It is going to be very difficult to replace the event with something as popular that would be able to raise the same amount of money. We hope you will all be able to support us with other smaller fundraisers. Please remember we work very hard for your children and it is they who benefit from things that we donate. The committee is very, very short of members and if The Friends does not continue everyone in the school community will be affected, The more people we have the less everyone has to do. If you want more information you can contact us via email on friends@ripley.lancs.sch.uk.

Do you shop online? The Friends are registered via school with The Giving Machine. This is the perfect way to help fundraise for The Friends at no cost to you. The Giving Machine is linked to some of the largest outlets in the country eg Asda, Currys, Amazon, Tesco, Dell, Ebay, B&Q. All you have to do is register and before you shop click onto the Giving Machine, follow the link and then shop as you would normally. The Giving Machine will automatically give The Friends a percentage of what you spend. We never get to know any details, so click, shop and give for free at www.the.givingmachine.co.uk—support your children the easy way.

Want to win £5? Then have a go at the quiz below. All correct answers will go into a draw. The first two correct slips drawn will win £5. To enter the quiz you must get your parents to sign the form.

This month we have 6 catchphrases for you to work out!

1. F
LAG
2. MIDPIGDLE
3. HEDGEHEDGEHEDGE
4. D  G
5. HUG

Please return to the Friends' Box in the dining room by Friday 6 October. Even if you can't solve them all, send in your answers—you could still win if you get the most correct.

Name: _____ **Form:** _____ **Parent's Signature** _____

The newsletter is usually on the school website and The Friends facebook page. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy please fill in the slip below and return it to The Friends' box in the dining room, main school. The box is brown with a large F on it and is next to the deli bar.

I would like to receive paper copies of The Friends' Newsletter.

Parent's Name

Pupil's Name Form