

The Friends of Ripley St. Thomas

Newsletter

December 2016

Once again a huge thank you to all pupils, parents and staff who helped out in any way and supported our seventeenth bonfire and fireworks display. It was a great effort from all concerned and the event would not have happened without you. We, the Friends, are very proud of our fundraising achievements, especially this event and thank you for all the encouraging texts and emails to say how much you enjoyed the evening. These are displayed with photos outside the Chaplaincy. We will endeavour to reply to your texts and emails in the very near future. We had around 1600 people attend the evening which was down on last year, probably due to the later date. Thank you to those of you who answered the call to bake, this made a difference and helped Mrs Kelly keep her sanity. At the time of going to print we do not have a final total for the amount raised at this event, but we will let you know as soon as possible.

Chas Jacobs' Print of Ripley School

Christmas is on its way and if you want a present that is just a bit different, The Friends are still selling the Chas Jacobs print of Ripley School. These prints are an on-going project and are excellent value at £39.50 each. You can view it on the school website. If you would like to purchase a picture please fill in the slip below and return it to The Friends' box next to the re-valve machine in the dining room and we will get back to you. Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Ripley School. These prints (framed) are being sold at a certain shop in town for £125 so buy from us and have it framed yourself.

Name Parent of Form

We wish to purchase Chas Jacob print(s) at £39.50 each.

Contact Telephone No:

The collection from our Harvest Festival Service in October and the food donations were sent to The Olive Branch and Edward Street Homeless Shelter. A big thank you to everyone who contributed, - you made a real difference.

The next Friends' event will be the Carol Service held in the Chapel on Wednesday 14 December at 7pm. There was a huge demand for tickets last year and some of you unfortunately missed out. Tickets are free and are now available from the Lodge Reception, Main School Reception and 6th Form Reception so collect early! Once again this year, as well as our usual refreshments, we will be serving mulled wine. We will have a gratuity plate to help cover the cost of the refreshments. Come along and enjoy, we would love to see you.

Forthcoming Events (All meetings in MA8 at 7.00p.m.)

DECORATING CHAPEL : Wednesday 30 November
CAROL SERVICE : Wednesday 14 December in the Chapel 7pm
FRIENDS' MEETING : Wednesday 18 January
FRIENDS' MEETING : Wednesday 22 February
BRANDED CLOTHES SALE : Tuesday 28 February (more information later)

There is an easy way for you to help The Friends. Do you shop online? If so, log on to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, register with them and every time you shop online they will give The Friends a cash donation, no strings attached. There are many top name stores including : Currys, Wallis, Next, Asda, John Lewis, Amazon, Apple, PC World even e-bay!

Thank you to those of you who have already registered. Every penny counts.

**THE FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**