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The Friends of Ripley St Thomas Newsletter

October, 2016

Our next major event is the BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY which will take place on the school playing fields on Friday 11 November. It will begin at 6.30pm when the bonfire will be lit on the heights and finish after the firework display at about 8.30pm. Apart from the bonfire and fireworks there will be lots going on:

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| HOG ROAST | TOFFEE APPLES | JACKET POTATOES | SOUP |
| BARBEQUE | HOT DOGS | SOFT DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT |

For safety reasons we can NOT allow people to bring in their own fireworks/sparklers and entry will be by TICKET only. Tickets are £3.50 each and can be bought at Reception every morning during break and lunchtime from Monday 10 October. They will also be available from The Lodge and 6th Form receptions during the day. Once tickets are bought they are the responsibility of the purchaser - unfortunately lost tickets cannot be replaced by The Friends, whatever the reason.

YOU NEED YOUR TICKETS TO GAIN ENTRY AND YOU CANNOT PAY ON THE GATE.

There will be a limited number of tickets available, so please try and buy them before half-term. Due to the extended holiday, and as we don't return to school until Monday 7 November, students will only have a limited time to purchase tickets. We don't want you to be disappointed. To avoid the 'Harrods' type rush after half term, tickets will also be on sale during the half term break on Thursday and Friday, 3 and 4 November, between 9.30 and 11.30am from the Main School Reception. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (made payable to The Friends of Ripley School) only. We are unable to accept debit or credit cards.

BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY - HELP NEEDED

Following last year's successful and well-attended event, we are asking for more help this year. If there are any parents who can help by: a] making flapjacks, bonfire toffee, ginger bread or chocolate cake; b] setting up or clearing away; c] working on a stall; d] washing up using a dish washer (very important); please complete and return the slip below:

I/We Parent/Guardian ofForm.....

Contact No: can help on Friday 11 November by:

Please return this slip to The Friends' Box in reception.

Chas Jacob's Print of Ripley School

If you want a present that is just a little different, then the Chas Jacob print of the school is still available. These prints are an ongoing project (although we only have 20 left) and are excellent value at £39.50 each. You can view the print on the school website. If you would like to purchase one please fill in this slip and return it to The Friends' box in reception and we will contact you. Framed prints are being sold at a certain shop in town for £125. Why not buy the print from us and have it framed yourself.

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wish to purchase Chas Jacob print(s) at £39.50 each. Contact No.....

Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Ripley School.

Harvest Festival—Wednesday 19 October 7pm Chapel

You are warmly invited to join us for the Harvest Festival. Free tickets are available now and can be collected from the receptions situated in the main school, the Lodge and 6th Form. Any non-perishable gifts would be gratefully received. After the service the donated goods will be taken to the Olive Branch and Edward Street Homeless Shelter. The Olive Branch is experiencing more demands on their resources than ever, here are a few statistics relevant to the period January 2015 —September 2016:

- food parcels given out: 1045 - a rise of 27% from the previous year's figure of 824
- adults helped: 1,442 - a rise of 21% from the previous year's figure of 1193
- children helped: 419, an increase of 57% from the previous year's figure of 267
- each food parcel lasts for 5 days with an average of 20 items per person
- on 28th September alone, the Olive Branch helped 14 adults and 7 children totaling 420 items - everyday is a struggle

The Olive Branch is just one food bank in Lancaster. **Please donate generously if you are able.**

Friends' AGM—Wednesday 9 September 2016

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Brock who after 6 years has stepped down from her role of secretary, it is not always easy to fill such roles, we thank Karen for her commitment and welcome Lucia Brown as her replacement.

The following members were elected:

Chairman : Lesley Kelly

Secretary : Lucia Brown

Treasurer : Jo Aveyard

6th Form Representatives: Vicky Knipe, Adam Robinson, Sammy-Jo Milner & Holly Brock

We had 7 replies to our September quiz. 2 students had all the correct answers: Daniel Greene 10Fairey and Aedan Cheal 8Haigh.

The answers were: 1. Easy Peasey 2. Back to School 3. Wait & See 4. Blackmail 5. Any Questions 6. Bad Speller

Forthcoming Events:

Harvest Festival Wednesday 19 October in the Chapel - 7pm

Bonfire and Firework display Friday 11 November 6.30pm onwards

Friends' Meeting Wednesday 16 November - 7pm in MA8

Trip to Manchester and Christmas Market or the Trafford Centre (your choice) Saturday 26 November - more information later

Friends' Meeting Wednesday 30 November 7.30pm in MA8 and decorating Chapel from 4pm

Carol Service Wednesday 14 December in the Chapel - 7pm