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The Friends of Ripley St Thomas Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2016

Calling all New Parents—it's the class of 2016. Did you want to be a fly on the wall on the day your child started Ripley? Do you want to meet the new form tutor? Well now you can! Come to the **Year 7 Curriculum and New Friends' Evening** on Thursday 6 October, at 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.

As many of you will know we usually have our **transport raffle** in September. After discussing the timing of the raffle at our May meeting we have decided to hold the raffle at Easter 2017, as we appreciate that the beginning of term can be very expensive. We hope to have lots more prizes on offer.

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 on to 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.thegivingmachine.co.uk - support our pupils the easy way.

Friends' Expenditure

Sociology / Psychology 15 Samsung/Galaxy Tablets	£1499.85
Agriculture & Horticulture—Cultivator	£275.00
Prize Giving	£250.00
Maths Licence for Maths Watch	£150.00
Maths Online Resource for teachers Maths Pad	£90.00
Design Technology Canon Cameras x 2	£195.98
Food Technology Assorted equipment Btech/6th Form and KS3	£479.94
Girls' PE Assorted Hockey Safety Equipment	£419.85
Modern Languages Software subscription for 12 months	£300.00
Music Department	£1000.00
Minibus	£1736.80
Total:	£6397.42

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP — WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Friends' Calendar of Events 2016-17

Wednesday 14 September	AGM/Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Thursday 6 October	Curriculum/New Friends Night in the Chapel - 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 October	Friends' Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 19 October	Harvest Festival in the Chapel - 7.00pm
Friday 11 November	Bonfire/Firework Night
Wednesday 16 November	Friends' Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Saturday 26 November	Manchester Shopping Trip
Wednesday 30 November	Decorate Chapel/Friends' Meeting
Wednesday 14 December	Carol Service in the Chapel - 7.00pm
Wednesday 22 February	Friends' Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Tuesday 28 February	Branded Names Clothes Sale
Wednesday 8 March	Friends' Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 29 March	Taize Service in the Chapel - 7.00pm
Thursday 27 April	Supper Run
Wednesday 17 May	Friends' Meeting in MA8 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 14 June	Strawberry Supper Service Chapel