

## Friends of St Winifred's

The **Friends of St Winifred's**, our school PTA, are always looking for new members!

We organise several events throughout the school year to raise funds for our wonderful school, such as the Christmas and Summer Discos, a Bingo Night, and our ever-popular Quiz Night as well as the annual Family Fun Day. We also prepare community events such as coffee mornings and Mums and Dads Nights.

The Friends meet once every half term to plan events, and the more of us there are, the easier and more enjoyable it all is! It is an incredibly rewarding experience, both for members and our children, who often take pride in the fact that Mummy baked cakes for the Cake Sale, or hid the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, or that Daddy made all the burgers at our BBQ.

If you do not feel able to commit to becoming a member but still want to work with the PTA there are several other ways to help! We have **Class Representatives** who pass on messages from the Friends to the class whatsapp groups. We have **Flexible Friends**, who receive the Minutes from our meetings and are our first port of call when looking for volunteers for the Disco or the Family Fun Day. Alternatively, you can do some fundraising yourself; one of our Dads ran 100 miles in 2016 and raised over £1000 for us - thanks again, Chris!!

Our events are advertised in the school's weekly newsletter, in the class whatsapp groups, and on posters put up at both school sites. Please keep an eye out for them!

### **Second hand uniform**

The Friends hold a stock of second hand uniform that can be bought for a small donation. If you would like to purchase something, email us at [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com). Please consider donating any items you may have that are still in wearable condition. We would like to build up enough stock to organise a Uniform Sale on a Saturday morning.

### **Non-event Fundraising**

The wonder that is the internet allows us to raise money without organising events, and there are several ways you can help with this:

- Easy Fundraising – [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) allows you to raise money for the school whilst shopping online – you simply log onto your EasyFundraising account, and head to the online shop you want using the link on the website. Every time you make a purchase, a percentage is donated by EasyFundraising to our School.
- Baker Ross – [www.bakerross.co.uk](http://www.bakerross.co.uk) is a wonderful arts and crafts website. They run a similar scheme to EasyFundraising – each time you buy from their website, they donate to us. They have themed crafts – Easter, Christmas, Mother and Father's Day – as well as party bag fillers, painting supplies, stickers and toys at great prices.
- Stamptastic – Clothes will undoubtedly get lost at school. Many jumpers and cardigans go missing, and bizarrely, trousers and shirts often disappear

too. St Winifred's recommends labeling all of your child's items of clothing, and the Friends have teamed up with Stamptastic to make this easier for our parents. Stamptastic make personalised stamps that can be used on almost all fabrics, wood, and even some plastics. We have found that these are especially useful for labeling items like plimsolls, that don't have an obvious place for sewing or ironing on a label. To make sure that the school benefits from any purchases on their website, use the code SE120SJ (the Newstead Road site postcode) at checkout.

For more information please email us: [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com)