

FRIENDS OF GOODERSTONE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Friends of Gooderstone School is a committee of parents, teachers and community members committed to supporting the work of Gooderstone Primary School.



23rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you for your fantastic support for our Friends events in Term 1. We had a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning in September, contributing £303.72 to help change the lives of those suffering with cancer.

On top of this, October's Autumn Disco was very well attended by both parents and children, raising £347.99 profit, whilst our Bag2School initiative raised £88. We will run another Bag2school initiative in the new year so please start saving your clothes now. We would also like to thank all the staff and pupils for all their help and hard work in producing the superb personalised Christmas Cards and associated gifts which the children have designed. Orders have now all been received and sent home raising a further £198.24. All the money raised by such events helps to ensure your children directly benefit from new equipment at school, so thank you, as always, for your support.

Onto our main event for Term 2!

Our **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Monday 18th December from 3.15-5pm. Please note the date change.** There will be some old favourites on the day, including **Santa** in his grotto. If you would like to offer your help in manning a stall, please speak to one of the Friends as we do still need assistance to cover each stand. Please also look out for other requests to help support the event by sending in your raffle prizes and looking out for your tombola cups, both due in on **Friday 15th December.** We would also love to receive any baked or bought festive cakes, goodies or savoury treats which can come in **on the day** for our cake stall. Details of when these items are all required are all listed in the table overleaf for you to pin on the fridge door! We really are so grateful for all donations. We would also ask that you do all you can to help spread the word about the Fair. Please bring your children, their friends, your family, your friends and their friends!!! And start saving your pennies to spend on the night. The more we raise, the more our children benefit... Thank you in advance and see you there!

One final note relates to fundraising going forward. If you'd like to join our committee, we really do need new members, more than ever. Many hands make light work and the more we do, the more money we can raise to enhance the lives of our children at school. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 1st December, after sharing assembly. Also, to encourage all parents to take part, the Christmas Fair will include a free prize draw for all those signed up to EasyFundraising by 15/12 (www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a time of year where many of you will be active with internet shopping. *Please* don't forget that **every time you order**, each shopping delivery could **raise £££s** for the school. All this, at the **simple click of a button** and without any hassle at all. It really is free money and an effortless way of supporting your children's learning. Wider family and friends can get involved too. So get signed up and win yourself a prize for adding your name to this brilliant way to fundraise. Cash boosts for school from the comfort of your sofa - surely a no brainer!

Once again, thank you for your support

The Friends

Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Notes
Christmas Fair Raffle Prize Donations	Friday 15th December	Please send your raffle prize donation into school according to these categories: Owls - Toiletries/pamper items Skylarks - Chocolate Kestrels - Drinks
Christmas Fair Tombola Cone Donations	Friday 15th December	Look out for your cup which will be sent home with instructions on how to fill :0)
Christmas Fair Cakes to School	Monday 18th December	These may include any festive fairy cakes, mince pies, sausage rolls or biscuits to be sold on our stall. Please drop these into the school kitchen on the day of the fair in named containers. We know what brilliant bakers you are, and also gratefully accept shop bought donations!
Christmas Fair Event	Monday 18th December	Held in the School Hall. Bring your pennies for some family fun. Visit Santa in his grotto!!!