



The Friends are a group of parents/carers who come together to organise events and raise money for the pre-school and school. Our common aim is that we want to support the school and all the children in their learning and education in whatever way we can.

All parents, carers, guardians and staff are automatically members of the Friends of St Thomas and are welcome to attend meetings. Please don't be shy; we would love to see you.

#### **What the Friends of St Thomas do**

We are passionate about our school and helping the children be the best they can be. Over the years we have raised money to help the school in numerous ways.

- School Trips
- Astro Turf football pitch for the KS2 yard
- New play equipment for the KS1 yard
- Speciality equipment for the school
- Caring for the school animals

#### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

We have a range of good quality uniform from ages 3 to 11 year. If you would like some uniform, please either email the school office or the Friends giving the age group you require and the family surname so that a bag of clothes can be put together and left at school reception for collection. All we ask that is that a small donation is given for the items. If you would like to donate any good quality items of uniform, please hand into the school office marked as Second Hand Uniform and these will be collected and sorted.

## Friends Cash Draw

The Friends Cash Draw is a scheme (previously the *100 club*) in which parents and supporters of the school can become members by making a regular monthly contribution to the Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury School charity. You will then be entered into a monthly draw with the chance of winning £50.00. Please see the attached flyer giving further detail and a form for completion if you wish to be entered into the Cash Draw.

## Fundraising

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and opportunities so please get in touch if you have any suggestions, big or small. We usually raise money through fun events and initiatives such as:

- Winter Warmer
- Summer Fayre
- Bake Sales
- Christmas Cards
- Film Nights
- Parent's Quiz Night
- School Disco
- Car Boot
- Parent/Teacher Football Match

With the ongoing social distancing requirements, many of the events we would normally run throughout the year are not possible so we are thinking up new ways of keeping the children engaged and of raising funds for the school and the children. We will outline these events shortly.

We are always on the lookout for new ideas and new people to join us. ***Please do get in touch if you can offer any ideas, suggestions or most importantly time to help us organise and plan the events.***

- Do you want to make sure your child gets an education full of extra things that make school exciting and a fun place to be?
- Do you want to get to know the other parents in your child's class and the school?
- Do you want to get to know the Headteacher and other teachers to find out what is going on behind the scenes at school?

If you're thinking yes, please get in touch. We are a friendly bunch and our meetings are short and to the point but also fun.

Please feel free to email or contact us via any of the following:



@FoStThomas



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Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury

Please do like and follow us on as many of the social media platforms as you can so that you don't miss anything.

Thanks

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