

The Friends of Ripley St. Thomas

Newsletter

December 2018

Welcome to our December newsletter.

Harvest Service

First we have to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated items for The Olive Branch at our Harvest Service. The need increases every year and this year you excelled yourselves with your generosity. The Friends can honestly say that the number of gifts we received was the most for at least 20 years! It was amazing to see and it took over 3 hours to display everything at the back of the chapel. We would also like to thank all who took part in the service.

The Olive Branch were very grateful for the donations and it was interesting to hear from them just what a difference the gifts will make.

High Street Clothing Sale

Sixty people attended our High Street Clothing Sale and from all accounts you had a fantastic time. Thank you for your support. It was a very social occasion and there were lots of bargains to be had. Unfortunately we didn't meet our target of 80 people attending but hopefully next year more people will come and we can fill the Phythian Hall.

AGM

The Friends' AGM was held in early November and the following were elected:

Chairman: Lesley Kelly

Treasurer: Jo Aveyard

Secretary: Tara Duce

Sixth Form representatives are: Ffion Ashton, Leon Dexter, Katie Rayson, Mancy Banga, Chloe Casson, Lillie Hudson, Ruth Robinson.

We would like to thank Lucia Brown for her time as Secretary, and Tara Duce for agreeing to take on the role. The Friends' committee is very short of active members. The more parents/helpers we have the easier it is. We hope you will consider joining us.

Chapel Decorating

The Friends will be decorating the Chapel and the main staircase/porch on Tuesday 4th December from 4pm. If you can help, even if it is only for an hour, we would love to see you. We will provide you with drinks, nibbles and homemade mince pies and cake to keep you going. Please email friends@ripley.lancs.sch.uk or ring/text on 07762617143.

Carol Service

The next Friends' event will be the Carol Service held in the Chapel on Tuesday 18 December at 7pm. There was a huge demand for tickets last year and some of you unfortunately missed out. Tickets are free and are now available from the Lodge Reception and Sixth Form Reception so collect them early! Once again, this year, we will be serving mulled wine as well as our usual refreshments. There will a gratuity plate to help cover the cost of refreshments. Come along and enjoy, we would love to see you.

The Giving Machine

There is an easy way for you to help The Friends. Do you shop online? If so, log on to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, register with them and every time you shop online they will give The Friends a cash donation, no strings attached. There are many top name stores including: Currys, Wallis, Next, Asda, John Lewis, Amazon, Apple, PC World, even e-bay!

Thank you to those of you who have already registered. Every penny counts.

The Friends gave out numerous cards for the Giving Machine at the year 7 Curriculum Evening. It was really good to meet you all and we hope that you have been able to use your cards which in turn will help your children.

Chas Jacobs' Print of Ripley School

Christmas is on its way and if you want a present that is just a little different, The Friends are still selling the Chas Jacobs print of Ripley School. These prints are excellent value at £39.50 each, but we have only 10 copies left and when they are gone they are gone! You can view the print on the Friends' page of the school website. If you would like to purchase a picture please complete the slip below and return it to The Friends' box next to the re-valve machine in the dining room. Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Ripley St Thomas school.

I wish to purchase _____ Chas Jacobs print(s) at £39.50 each.

Name _____

Parent of _____ Form _____

Contact Telephone No: _____

If there is anything more you would like to know about The Friends please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing friends@ripley.lancs.sch.uk or ring/text 07762617143.

Newsletters are usually emailed to parents and are available on the school website but if you would prefer to receive a paper copy please send a note with your name, your child's name and form and put it in the Friends' box in the main school dining room and we will send you a copy.

**THE FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

