

BELIEVE

The Friends of Ripley St. Thomas Newsletter April, 2018



Dear Parents

AUCTION OF PROMISES—TUESDAY 15 MAY 7PM

Here is the information The Friends hope you are waiting for! Yes! The Auction of Promises. At present we have just 50 items to auction; 15 of these have been donated by yourselves. To make this evening a success we need at least 100 Lots. At our last auction we had 160, although that was 9 years ago. It isn't too late for you to contribute. Could you donate a store voucher, or a bottle of wine/spirits? Do you have a hobby you can share? Do you know anyone who can help?

Some of the items we have to auction are: family days out; restaurant/beauty vouchers; afternoon tea at the Midland Hotel; half a day's gardening; championship match tickets 2018-2019; Everton player signed photo; various bottles of spirits, pamper hampers, novelty birthday cake, University language course; stay in a holiday cottage; party food, Ripley Farm experience; cat & dog health check; designer glasses and more!

If you have offered a gift or a promise and not sent it in yet could you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Here is what to do next. Programmes will go on sale from Monday 30 April; they will be available to buy from the Lodge Reception, or fill in the slip below, put it in The Friends' Box in the dining room and we will send a programme to you via your son/daughter. The programme will have your bidding number on the back; you cannot bid without a number so you will need a programme. Programmes are £5 prior to the auction or £6 on the night. The price includes either one glass of wine or one soft drink, you can, if you wish, bring your own wine.

Refreshments will be on sale during the evening.

If you can't make it on the night you can enter a sealed bid for an item. If you want to bid for more than one Lot please put each bid in a separate envelope clearly marked on the outside with the Lot number. The information we need inside is:

- the Lot number
- the price you wish to pay
- your bidding number
- your name and contact details

Sealed bids must be received by Monday 14 May and placed in The Friends' box in the dining room. For those of you attending, all items must be paid for on the night. All payments will have to be by cash or cheque (which must have a valid bank card). Cheques should be made payable to the Friends of Ripley St Thomas School. Some items will be available to collect on the night - for all the others you will be given the Lot and contact details for you to arrange your promise.

We do hope to receive more gifts/promises with your help. We will notify you by email of any we receive after the programme has been printed and you be given a full print out on the evening. Contact The Friends via email : friends@ripley.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 07762617143.

Your support with this fundraising is greatly appreciated: **EVERYTHING WE DO, WE DO FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

Please place your request for a programme in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and form and "Auction of Promises" and place it in The Friends' box in the dining room.

I/We would like to buy Programme(s) for the Auction of Promises on Tuesday 15 May.

Pupil's name.....Form.....

I/We enclose £5 for each programme.

Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Ripley St Thomas School.

