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The Friends of Ripley St. Thomas Newsletter July 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our July newsletter giving you an update on our recent events. We held The Auction of Promises in May. There were 17 people who attended and 6 people who entered sealed bids. We had a wonderful selection of gifts/promises—over 125 in total, with many of them selling for well below their value.; some did not sell at all and some we withdrew because of very low bids. Despite all that we raised £1847.50 on the night which was a great surprise to all of us. Our treasurer, who always does a wonderful job, counted the takings three times to make sure she hadn't made a mistake! That is a wonderful amount. But imagine if we had had more support, with more people bidding and still getting value for money—we might have doubled that total, who knows?

Thank you to our auctioneer Steven who gave his time for free and did a round trip of 80 miles to support us and also to those of you who attended, donated gifts/promises or helped in anyway. The students will benefit and hopefully appreciate your generosity.

The Lots which did not sell have been put together and will be emailed to you. If you would like to bid for them please put the following information in an envelope marked 'Auction':

1. Lot Number
2. Amount of Bid
3. Name, and contact number

and place in The Friends' Box in the dining room. The closing date for bids is Friday 13 July which will give us time to get your successful bid item to you before the end of term.

Maybe this was not the event for you; did you think the programme was too expensive even though it was your entry 'ticket' and included refreshments? It is very difficult to know what to do to include everyone. If you have any ideas please let us know by emailing: friends@ripley.lancs.sch.uk or you can ring on 07762617143.

The Strawberry Supper was held on a beautiful sunny Tuesday evening and was attended by over 30 people. We love this evening and according to your emails so do you. You said the choir, as usual, was wonderful, supper delicious, people very friendly, weather made the evening and it was a great get together, a lovely end to a very busy day. Thank you for supporting us.

It is important that we carry on raising funds. Why not consider joining us and have your say on how we distribute the money? We have fun, get a great deal of satisfaction from helping others and it's good to give. The more people we have helping the less you have to do.

We wish you a happy and restful summer holidays.

The Friends.