

# NEWS

## FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S DURHAM



*The Friends of St Margaret's are a group of volunteer parents, carers and school staff who all work together and give their time to raise much needed funds for the school.*

*We are a registered charity and raise money to enhance and enrich the children's school lives and education along with building a school community.*

### A HUGE THANK YOU!

The Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who dialled in for the EGM on 19 November. This vital meeting sought to deal with the ongoing legal issues with our governing constitution and day to day running of the charity.

We are delighted to report that the proposals we made were all unanimously approved by the members present and the wheels are now well in motion with the Charity Commission. The first stage – to amend the existing Constitution so we can continue to run the Charity with three Committee members was accepted by the Commission and we have now submitted the request to adopt the new Parentkind Constitution which was also unanimously agreed at the meeting.

We are hugely grateful for the fantastic turnout by parents, carers, grandparents and teachers and their support in these matters. Full minutes from the meeting are available on the FOSM Website and also the Friends page on the School Website.

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### FRIENDS WEBSITE

The Friends are trialling the use of a website this year as a way to improve communication, build the school community and sell goods.

To sign up simply follow the link below. To ensure site security and safety when you sign up the account will be verified by one of the Friends Committee. Once this is done you will be able to access the full website.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham)

### ISSUE #2 AUTUMN/WINTER 2020

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**10 DEC 2020**

##### **Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day**

*Friends have provided the Christmas gift bags for all children at the Lunch!*

**18 DEC 2020**

##### **Last Day of Term**

**05 JAN 2021**

##### **First Day of Spring Term**

**18 JAN 2021**

##### **Friends Members Meeting**

*Please join us if you can!*

#### Can you help?

Are you interested in helping with the Friends?  
Want to know more about what we do?

We would love to have you on board.

Head to our [website](#), email us or speak to one of the Committee directly to find out more info.



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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have been working hard to find an alternative solution to our Second Hand Uniform Sales as we are unable to hold these due to current restrictions. In the New Year we will be setting up a small task group of parents to plan a way forward and we hope to update you next term.

Please keep hold of any uniform that your children may have grown out of as we hope to be able to take donations again very soon.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**TOTAL RAISED: £2,054**

- **£370** NON UNIFORM DAY
- **£232** BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION
- **£852** CHRISTMAS CARDS
- **£300** VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE
- **£300** 2021 JENNY ULYATT CALENDARS  
*Many thanks to Jenny for her generous donation to the Friends with this fundraiser*

### PLUS

- **£255** VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR  
*These funds are spent directly on books by School*


## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

**18 JAN 2021 @ 8PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

## parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

 [www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham)

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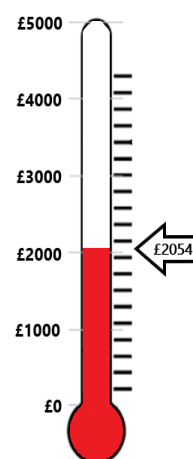
Please note in the interest of security and safety you must be authorised by the Friends Admin team on both website and Facebook as both are closed groups.

## A GREAT START TO THE YEAR

Against the backdrop of a difficult 2020 we are delighted to say that the School Community have had a fantastic fundraising start to the year. With Christmas cards, a non-uniform day, calendars, a Bags2School collection and even a virtual balloon race there has been a lot going on.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy to these activities and to everyone who has supported them. It all goes towards providing not only the educational extras but also the fun extras for the children!

We have got lots of fab ideas coming up too, to find out more and give your own ideas please join us at the next Friends Members Meeting on **18 JANUARY 2020**.



## ONLINE FUNDRAISING

If you are doing any shopping online, please consider signing up to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile).

Both partners will raise FREE donations for the Friends of St Margaret's at no extra cost to yourself.

Signing up is quick and simple to do online or click the logos below. It's a great way to raise extra funds for FREE!

