

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE 20 SEP 2022

Meet the Friends

7.30-9pm, Stonebridge Inn

THUR 22 SEP 2022

Meet the Friends

9-10am, EcoPod

FRI 30 SEP 2022

Friends AGM Meeting

2pm, EcoPod & via Zoom.

THUR 13 OCT 2022

Pre loved Uniform Sale

3.30pm, EcoPod.

Pre Loved Uniform

We were thrilled to be able to start holding pre loved uniform sales again last term. There are lots of excellent quality items available and we will be holding the next sale on **13 Oct @ 3.30pm in the EcoPod**. Please leave any good quality uniform donations at the school office during the week before.

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.

WELCOME BACK!

Here we are at the start of another school year and we would like to welcome everyone back and say hello to all the new families starting at St Margaret's, we hope everyone had a great summer!

Huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends in so many ways during the last year. We were so disappointed not to have been able to hold a Summer Fair last term but planning such a large event safely required months and we just didn't have the time. It's hard to remember back that we were only allowed to start holding in person Friends events on school property at Easter time when we had our really successful Easter Egg Hunt which carried on even through the snow and hail!

It is therefore really incredible that as a school community we pulled together and have managed to raise so much money during the last year. From Pre loved uniform sales restarting, the Couch25K running group, Christmas wreath making workshop to the Christmas cards and Tea Towels the children created it has been a busy and fun year!

To hear exactly what we did and how all the money raised has been spent do join us at the upcoming AGM and first planning meeting of the year on 30 Sept in the EcoPod at school.

We would love to welcome old and new faces and make some exciting plans together for the school year ahead.

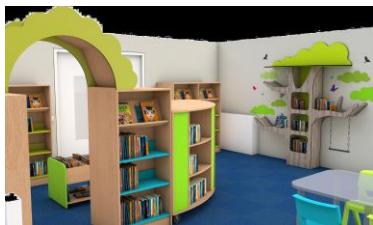
FOSM Committee

MEET THE FRIENDS!

It has been a strange few years and we haven't been able to do as much or been as visible as we would have liked so we have decided to hold a couple of **Meet the Friends** get-togethers. They will be very informal and everyone is welcome to come along and chat with us and hear about what we do. Don't worry you won't be signed up for anything (unless you want to!) it's just a great way to continue building the school community - hope to see you there!



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LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Last year school asked us if we would start fundraising to refurbish our school's three library spaces. It quickly became clear that we would need to separate this into three phases of fundraising as each space requires a fair amount of money. We have been working alongside Mrs Frew (Literacy Lead) and Mrs Tait over the past year to find a suitable company to work with and come up with a fun, inspiring yet practical design. We started with Y5/Y6 Library as this will be used by everyone going through the school who has contributed so far and we are really excited to share the final design concept images with you all. Refurbishment of the room has already begun with new paint on the walls and new carpets in ready for installation during October half term. We hope to have a grand opening later in the term! Thank you so much for all your contributions - Next phase is Y3/Y4 library!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**TOTAL RAISED LAST TERM:
£1,635**

- **£271** NON UNIFORM DAY
- **£137** BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION
- **£30** AMAZON SMILE COMMISSION
- **£52** EASY FUNDRAISING COMMISSION
- **£1,037** TEA TOWEL PROJECT
- **£108** PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

30 SEP 2022 @ 2PM

In the ECOPOD (& via Zoom)

Please join us if you can!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE 2021/22

Here's what we achieved this year

Raised £5,128

In what was another challenging fundraising year we are delighted to report that this year we have raised a fantastic amount of money which has gone towards so much

Funds used to pay for...

- Hardship Fund (£200 Allocated)
- Bug Club Subscription
- Library Refurbishment Project Phase 1 – Y5/Y6 Library
- Christmas Crackers for Whole School
- Online Christmas Panto for Whole School
- Ice Pops for Whole School on Last Day of Term
- Y6 Leavers Contribution towards Hoodies

Your support really does make a big difference, thank you!

ONLINE FUNDRAISING

If you are doing any shopping online, please consider signing up to [easyfundraising](#) and [AmazonSmile](#).

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!



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<https://www.st-margarets.durham.sch.uk/community/friends-of-st-margarets/>



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