

Dear Parents and Children,

A very warm welcome to Ely St John's School.

We are The Friends committee; a team of volunteer parents/carers/grandparents who work alongside teacher representatives to fundraise for the school. Our purpose is to enhance the learning environment for the children by fundraising for things the school wouldn't otherwise have funds for. We have just allocated some funds towards the refurbishment of the KS2 playground equipment, which will hopefully be replaced over the summer holidays. Funds raised previously have been put towards many things, including libraries for both KS1 and KS2, tablet devices, books, science and maths workshops and an arts performance.

We run various events throughout the year. The best way to keep in touch and receive reminders (we know life gets busy!) is to 'like' our Facebook page (search 'The Friends of Ely St Johns').

Communication from the Friends will be sent via email so make sure you sign up to receive emails from the school.

During the school year, we will send out details of any planned events. Some of our regular events include film nights and a school disco (Foundation children are invited to join these towards the end of their first school year) and we have a very popular Christmas Fayre. Please look out for the email reminders.

We couldn't run all these events without the support of our volunteers who like helping at our various fun events, seeing the children enjoying themselves, and meeting other parents. There are many exciting events you can get involved with so why not consider signing up to our volunteer register (no obligation to help at all events)? If you are interested in joining this list please email us at thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk, or message us via our Facebook page.

There are various quick and easy ways you can help us fundraise:

Uniform labels – simply use one of these companies with the relevant Ely St John's code

Stampastic <https://stampastic.co.uk>, use code CB63BW

Stikins <https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=6823>, use code 6823

Easy Fundraising – It's quick to register and you can earn money for the school when you shop online with many top retailers: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foesj

Virgin Money Giving - you can donate to us online, or set up your own fundraising event page in support of the Friends here: <http://bit.ly/1rPK4mi>

Amazon Smile - <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1117367-0>

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events,

The Friends of Ely St John's

