



# The Friends of Ilsington School

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## 2022/2023 School Academic Year

### What is Friends?

'Friends' is the name of our Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) at Ilsington School. It is a registered charity whose purpose is to advance the education of pupils in the school, in particular by: a) developing effective relationships between the staff, parents, and others associated with the school and b) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the School and advance the education of the pupils.

### Friends fundraising events this academic year 2022/23!

**October:** - School Teatowel Design

**November:** - Christmas Designs & Devon County Christmas Card Competition

**December:** – Christmas Fayre & Christmas Dinner crackers/setup

**March:** – Waffle Pop-Up café & Love your school day

**April:** – Easter Trail & Guess the name of the Bunny and and Guess where the burrow is?

**May:** – Sponsored Walk from Haytor to Hound Tor & Community Coronation Cream Tea

**June:** – Sport's Day

**July:** – Leaver's Hoodies & Summer Show Kids Fun Zone & Card Competition.

### Community Events

Friends doesn't purely Fundraise. Friends also represent and support the school by being active in broader Community based events, this year, these included:

The Ilsington Parish Coronation Cream Tea; The Summer Show Kid's Zone and organizing the school's designs to be included in the Christmas County Card Competition of which Dara was a winner!;

### How has Friends used the money raised?

The money raised from Friends this year has contributed to a whole heap of extra curricular activities for the children and has provided new equipment.

Middlecott class trip to Eden

Gazebo shelter & Cool Box

Reading books

Music Lessons with Kip after school

Additional music classes from Kip for all years during school time

Arts & Crafts after school club

After school yoga lessons

Music in the Woods for the whole school

Learning by Questions software to benefit Years 3-6

Animals2u visit for Reception & Preschool

Enhancing education through fun, funding and Friends!

## Other Fundraising:

Other fundraising has been through; Preloved Uniform sales, Cake sales, the Sales of children's card designs at the village shop. Additional income is from EasyFundraising, AmazonSmile, Grant from the Ilsington Village Shop.

## A big thank you to...

Everyone who has been on the Committee this year and/or who has supported or run an event to fundraise for Friends. After lockdown, it's great to see so much support and we are all helping to make up for what the children have missed.

## Thank you to...

Amy for being Treasurer & fielding so much of the Easter Trail & Easter Competition activity & Preloved uniform.

Deyna for creating the amazing crochet'd animals for new Sept 2023 starters, for providing Arts & Crafts aprons via Pam and for helping with Parish Magazine articles.

Rose, Lola, Amy and Fleur for making the Waffle Café such a success. And to Rose for the loaning of the Twiglets preschool items to Friends events

Kate and Sam B for the Rotary Grant application & making the School Tent a reality. It's such a great asset.

Georgie for helping set up the Easter Trail.

Plus to everyone else who has baked goods or supported an event or helped setup or tidy away after events.

Finally, a big thank you to all the staff at the school and to Mrs McCarthy for letting Friends participate and run all of these activities on behalf of the school.

## Helping Out

Getting involved with Friends is so great as you continue to build your friendships with families at the school and at the same time help to provide extra activities for the children. This is your school and Friends can only continue if you are able to join in.

## New Committee Members needed in Sept 2023

We need someone to take on the Chair role in September 2023. I (Sarahjayne) have held the Chair role for the last couple of years but I'm looking for someone to take over. It's been really great, but a shift in roles is so important to offer someone else the opportunity to get more involved with the school and a well-deserved break for me too. Tori, Naomi, and Bea all will remain on the committee in September:

Bea – Vice Chair

Tori – Social Media Manager (managing Facebook and the WhatsApp group)

Naomi – Managing the Preloved Uniform

Our next AGM is when the new roles are voted in. Please save this date and come along for a free drink. You can help just by being present and voting in the new committee. This is also the main opportunity for you to suggest the events you would like Friends to do during the new academic year.

## Friends AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Moorlands Hotel

## More information

You can keep up-to-date with Friends events by joining the WhatsApp group and/or Friends Facebook page: 'Friends of Ilsington Primary School' or email us: [friendsofilsington@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofilsington@gmail.com).