

Enhancing education through fun, funding and Friends!



The Friends of Ilsington School Autumn Newsletter

A warm welcome to all the new families who have started at Ilsington School this term and a big thank you to all who have supported Friends PTFA Charity fundraising.

'Friends' is our Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) Charity and includes everyone who has a link to the school and the wellbeing of the children. Friends raises funds to provide **extras for the children** at school and links in with **broader community events**.

Friends Autumn Term update:

Friends AGM – 11th September 2023

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Friends AGM meeting. All our Committee positions are now filled. A big welcome to Julia East who is taking on the role as Treasurer. *Minutes of the AGM are at the back of this Newsletter.*

Love your school day – 11th November 2023

A massive achievement! – BIG THANKS to Jack, Vicky, Olli, Nikki, Rosie, Matt who all revamped the pond area! And to Sam, Sam, Sally and Alex and all the children who created the new wild garden area. **Super great!** A small amount of Friends funds went towards buying new fencing and some refreshments on the day. **Thank you to the community wildlife wardens**, Sheree and Linda, for their guidance and donations of plants and seeds.

Whole School Design Tote Bag arriving soon

– Look out for the new school design - each bag is **£5 each**. **Order Now!** 😊

Charity Commission new login and status requirements. Thank you to the committee members for providing your details – we are all up-to-date!

This Autumn, funds supported:

- **Welcome Back Hug & a Mug – 4/5th Sept**
- **Table Top Sale 16th Sept – raised £185**
- **Friends Gazebo re-used for Cross-Country and funded a new Ground Sheet £27**
- **Bake Sale after school - raised £21**
- **Funded £240 towards Trip to Bristol for Y5 & Y6 in November**
- **Funded £375 for the Whole School to have Music lessons with Kip**

Friends events this December:

- **Community Christmas Get Together – This Friday 1st December at the Ilsington Village Hall from 3.30 pm.** Friends are running a craft area and **Guess the Weight of the cake** to win a Christmas Mary Berry Fruit Cake - **£2 a guess** 😊 **Everyone Welcome!**
- **Christmas Lunch setup – Wed 6th Dec –** let me know if you are free to help.
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thurs 7th Dec** We'd welcome any outgrown jumpers – please leave in Reception area.
- **Christmas KS1 & Siblings Party – Wed 13th Dec from 3.30 - 5 pm.** **Music, Games and Refreshments.**

Keep up-to-date with Friends on Social Media: Follow Friends events and fundraising via the **Friends WhatsApp group** or on **facebook: 'Friends of Ilsington Primary School'**. If you have time, join EasyFundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to generate income for Friends.

All the best, Sarah Jayne (Chair of Friends of Ilsington School)

Chair: Sarah Jayne Warner, Vice Chair: Bea Mukherjee, Treasurer: Julia East, Secretary: Deyna Heathman
Email: friendsofilsington@gmail.com Registered Charity no: 1080897