



**The Friends of
St Cross School**

Dear Parents and/or Carers

We would like to welcome you all back to St Cross and hope that your child/children are settling well. For the Reception families we would like to welcome you to our school community.

The Friends of St Cross are an integral part of our school community and we would like to introduce and remind parents of our aims and explain how you can become part of what we do especially in this unprecedented time.

OUR AIMS

To have fun

Our family-friendly events are as much about having fun as fundraising and are enjoyed by pupils, parents, staff and the wider local community.

To fundraise

Like most schools, St Cross relies on additional funding to provide the best possible resources and learning environment for the children. Our events and activities throughout the year raise much needed funds that hugely benefit the school.

To bring people together

Our events unite St Cross families and staff in a common cause and serve to strengthen the school community.

We work closely with the teaching staff and governors to ensure the funds are spent in the best possible ways to support the children across all areas of the school and the curriculum.

Here are some of the ways in which the money we've raised has been used:

- To develop a new ITC suite
- To purchase iPads and interactive whiteboards for classrooms
- To expand the school library
- To fund playground equipment
- Sensory Toys
- To subsidise the Christmas Panto trip
- Support the Schools building fund



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This year we are looking for new ways to help raise funds to support the school and our children. Unfortunately, due to the current climate our popular Fireworks event will not be able to take place and so we are needing to think of more innovative ways to raise funds. Ideas have included Christmas Raffles, Virtual Bingo and quiz nights, Bags to school. Any ideas are welcome please see your Class representee or email us at friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

Parent Representatives

The Friends Committee will use the Parent Representatives as a link between the parents in their particular year group and the Friends Committee. We could not manage with them. Here are the lists for each year group

Reception -Valeria Loda

Year 4

Year 1 Jennie Stevens, Bonnie Thomson, Kara Scozzaro

Year 5 JennaHallissey

Year 2 Briony Heekin

Year 6 - Julia Pilgrim

Year 3 Claire Lydon

We still require a volunteer from Year 4 to enable this year group not to miss out on important information that may be needed to be passed on from Friends.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Friends Committee

- Do you have fundraising ideas?
- Do you have skills to contribute?
- Can you donate money?
- Do you have contacts in local businesses who might be willing to donate raffle prizes or sponsor our fundraising events?

Every contribution, however small, is greatly appreciated. We have been approached by a number of parents that are wanting to make monetary contributions. This can be done via Wise pay under the fundraising section.

We are also proactively looking for more **“VOLUNTEERS”** parents, family members to be involved. If you are interested then please email us or speak to your class representative.

Without **“VOLUNTEERS”** helping we are unable to run these events, fundraisers and help to create lasting memories for our children.

After the October half term, we will also have a new chairperson. We are currently also looking for someone who would like to help us with the role of the treasurer again please contact us if you are interested.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to email us at friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk