



Friends Of St Paul's School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your children have settled into their new classes after the summer break.

Please let us introduce ourselves, we are the Friends of St Paul's (FOSPs) Any new parents to the school may not know who we are or what we do. We are a very small group of parents/friends of the school who organise fund raising events which in turn directly benefit each and every child at the school.

As you may or may not be aware school budgets have been drastically cut over the past few years – this leaves the school very little funding to be spent on additional resources for the classroom and the school which would benefit the children.

Over the past few years we have been able to pay for the Y6 leavers gifts and organise the leavers party, painted a hopscotch game on the playground, financially supported the pastoral team, helped renovate the outside space for early years, provided a puppet show in school, provided additional computers and iPad's as well as many other great contributions all of which we are very proud of. Also, we recently launched our very own '**Snack Shack**' every Tuesday after school where we sell hotdogs, donuts, crisps and sweets – this is proving very popular with the children so thank you all very much for your support and please continue to support this initiative.

We are hoping to run many more exciting events for the children in the future which will create further funds to help the school. Unfortunately, we cannot do this alone and need volunteers who may be able to donate any of their time no matter how little it may be. In some cases, it may be to help out at events serving refreshments or picking up supplies from the supermarket for the events. We also welcome any ideas or feedback on how we may be able to raise more money for the school.

If you feel you could help us in any way we would be most grateful and ALL of our children will benefit from your efforts.

We are holding an informal FOSPs meeting at 9:30am on Thursday 12th October at the Brewers Fayre (Wheatlea Park) Warrington Road - where you can come along and have a coffee and a chat and find out a little more about us. It would be great to welcome new friends on board and the help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining FOSPs but cannot make the meeting we would still love to hear from you and can keep you informed of events/any ideas in the future if you get in touch with us.

Please can you text Nichola on 07528 517834 or Jacqui on 07912 664754 if you can attend the meeting.

Thank you, we hope to hear from you soon.

Nichola, Jacqui and Janet- on behalf of FOSPs