

## *Friends of St Bridget's Newsletter Autumn 2017*

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year, and a very warm welcome to all our new starters! As many of you already know the Friends of St Bridget's are the PTA for school. We fundraise for the school and provide support when we are needed. Over the years we have organised discos, bingo nights, coffee afternoons and had stalls at the Summer Fairs.

For 2017/2018 the Friends of St Bridget's have decided, after consultation with Mrs Smith, to fundraise towards developing a safe play area for the Reception children. We are hoping to build on the huge success we had in 2016/2017 where we raised funds towards the new Year 2 classroom, and we were proud to donate £1000 towards it. The money raised was only possible thanks to the extremely generous Parents, Grandparents, Family and Friends of our St Bridget's children, so a huge heartfelt thank you from us!

After the success of the 100 club in 2016 we have decided to do it all again! This year will be slightly different however, and will now run Jan – Dec. This will allow everyone plenty of time to get their applications and payment in before the first draw at the end of January. A form will be coming home soon with all the details, but the cost will remain the same at £12 for a full 12 months membership / 12 monthly draws. This works out at £1 per month per ticket. You can of course have as many tickets as you like and the 100 club is not limited to family, anyone is very welcome to join, the more members the bigger prize pot each month! As always the total fees collected are split 50/50, half to the prize fund and half towards our fund raising efforts.

Alongside the 100 club we are continuing to run our very popular afterschool discos. We do however need help from parents to help supervise them; we cannot rely on staff to supervise after their working day. This is where you all come in! Any help will be much appreciated. We are running our next one on Friday 17th November to coincide with anti-bullying week.

We will also be running another bingo night, following on from the last which was extremely popular and raised a huge amount of money. This will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, again at The Falcon Club. It will follow the same theme of 'chocolate & wine' with donations requested on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for non-uniform day. We will keep you posted with updates nearer the time.

As always we welcome new members, we have lots of ideas but limited 'manpower'. It was great to see some new faces at our last meeting! We are a small but friendly bunch and we'd love to see any new members at our next meeting. Pop along to see what we are about and what we do. Details of the next meeting will be on the weekly newsletter and sent via text.

Helen Young     Treasurer - Friends of St Bridget's.