## A note from the Chair

Welcome to the first PTA newsletter of the year. Firstly, I wanted to say thank you to you all for a fantastic year we had last year, we couldn't do it without you all. We raised over £6000 from the events we supported and of that so far, we have donated £1000 to the school for the new playground balance beams, £1000 for the new phonics scheme, and £1000 to the general running of the school. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped over the year from wreath making, to bingo calling, from searching for donations of free gifts, to washing cups, and pouring drinks again and again! The committee were re-elected at the AGM and are looking forward to another successful year. We had a few new faces at the meeting but are always on the look on for more, so feel free to pop into our next meeting if you can make it.

Kat x

## Contact Us

If you are interested in joining our volunteer list, have any fundraising ideas or questions please see one of the committee members: Katrina Kelly - Chair person Joanna Clayton Stead - Vice Chair Nicola King - Secretary Claire Stubbs & Alexandra MacDonald - Treasurers

Rebecca Cliffe – School lead
Rachel Husband – Committee member
Sarah Shepherd – Committee member
Emma Bramwell – Committee member
Christine Brooke – Committee member
Jennie Bearman – Committee member
Caroline Griffin – Committee member
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## Why do we have a Friends of Committee?

The Friends of Rivington Foundation School is a registered charity (1103440) whose aim is to raise money in a fun and sociable way, to provide the school with extra funding. This is then spent on equipment and resources to enhance your child's educational experience and the school's facilities.



### Tesco Blue Token Scheme

We have been selected as a good cause to take part in the Tesco Blue token scheme that will run from October – January. Each time you shop in Tesco Horwich, Adlington or West Houghton please pop a token (or two!) in our box. 1st place will win £1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place £1,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place £500.

### Match Fundraising

Match fundraising is a powerful initiative where companies pledge to match the donations made by their employees to charities. This could be in the form of matching money raised on a stall or days off to volunteer, each company scheme can be different. Please could you enquire if your company is part of this scheme? Examples of companies that do participate are Morrisons, Natwest, Aviva, Nando's, Costa.

## Easyfundraising

You can help raise funds for the school without having to donate anything yourself! Over 7,500 brands and sites will donate to us every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. This means you can raise money for us every time you get clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online anyway 't's

easy, completely FREE and will make a BIG difference to the school. Please sign up and help us raise more.



#### Get donations in one click!

The Donation Reminder finds you donations when you shop on your laptop or computer. You can then get your donation in one click!

The Donation Reminder is also available on <u>iPhone</u> <u>iPad</u>.

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Rivington School of Witchcraft & Wizardry:

18<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm **SOLD OUT** 7<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

### Non uniform days:

There will be 2 non uniform days to collect items for the Christmas fair, dates TBC

### Christmas Wreath Making:

27<sup>th</sup> November in the Church Hall.

A limited number of tickets will be available for this, tickets for sale <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrivingtonprimaryschool">www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrivingtonprimaryschool</a>

#### Christmas Fair:

1<sup>st</sup> December – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Lots of fun activities, cakes and gifts will be available to purchase.

### KS1 & KS2 productions:

12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December

Refreshments will be sold at all productions

### Grandparents Tea Party:

18<sup>th</sup> December Tickets will be available, further information to follow.

#### Breakfast with Santa:

22<sup>nd</sup> December

The elves will be busy transforming the hall into Santa's grotto, tickets will be available, further information to follow.

## Donation Request

We will be having a pre loved Christmas jumper stall at the Xmas fair, please look through your wardrobes for any of your old / too small jumpers.



# Recycle, Recycle!

The textile bank is permanently on site to recycle any unwanted clothes or shoes. Not only are the clothes recycled it generates £400 per tonne collected.



## Christmas Hampers

Every year we ask each year group to make up a themed hamper and then raffle them off in the lead up to Christmas. We ask that one person from each year group coordinates the collection of each item and puts them together in a hamper. We require the finished hampers to be delivered to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

December to showcase and sell tickets at the Christmas Fair. Donation requests will be sent out after half term.

The draw will take place on Monday 18th December.

Reception – Children's Crafts
Yr 1 – Movie Night
Yr 2 – Drinks
Yr 3 – Sweets & Chocolates
Yr 4 – Breakfast in Bed

Yr 5 – Christmas Eve Yr 6 – Christmas Food & Drink

# Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our Macmillan coffee morning or donated cakes, we raised £168.47 for this very worthy cause.



