

St Peter's

Friends of St Peter's Code

Here at St Peter's, we recognise and value the outstanding efforts of our parent volunteers and other volunteers who contribute towards school activities and events.

The Friends of St Peter's provides an opportunity for these enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to fundraise and support our school, within a group of like-minded individuals.

Our Mission:

To help enhance the education and well-being of all children at St Peter's CE Infant School through fundraising, supporting and organising events in consultation with our Headteacher and the school team.

To encourage parents, grandparents, carers and any Friends who are enthusiastic and passionate about supporting our school community to contribute to our school and get involved.

Who we are

- Friends are all volunteers and can be parents, grandparents, carers, guardians, teachers or members of staff, either past or present, or members of the local community. All we ask is that you have a link to the school and are enthusiastic about fundraising for St Peter's, and endeavour to be approachable and friendly. Ideally, we will have at least two parental representatives from each year.
- Friends should adhere to all school policies. For example: Safeguarding and Child Protection, Health and Safety, Anti-Bullying, Behaviour Policy etc and should not be party to confidential information. Friends should adhere to school policy with regards access to school premises and should not be allowed unsupervised access unless appropriate DBS checks have been undertaken.
- Friends should treat all children, their parents, grandparents, guardians and carers, as well as all members of staff, equally and with respect.
- The Friends group consists of a Chair, a Vice Chair and members. The Chair and Vice Chair are voted in by majority vote within the group. Nominations are made in the final month of the Chairs' tenure.

What we do

- Friends support the Headteacher and the school team in organising and staging school fundraising events, and liaise with the Office Manager and Headteacher to ensure events integrate with other commitments within the school calendar.
- Friends liaise with the Headteacher to ensure events reflect the Christian ethos and warm and nurturing nature of St Peter's.

Belonging, Believing, Building a Future

- Friends liaise with the Headteacher and school team to ensure safeguarding and the well-being of pupils is paramount at events they attend.
- The Chair will meet with the School Council annually to discuss their suggestions and listen to their ideas.
- All our children will be encouraged to contribute by helping at events and being proactive in fundraising. This will enrich their educational experience at our school by supporting their understanding and awareness of our community, fostering their sense of personal responsibility, self-confidence and self-esteem, and nurturing their involvement in community life.
- Friends meet approximately 4 times in a school year, normally every 6-8 weeks, to coordinate, organise and discuss events, offer support to the school team for school events, and to give feedback after events and share suggestions.
- Friends who cannot attend meetings are kept up to date via email.
- Friends vote by majority number (either by proxy, in person or by email) for key decisions needing to be made regarding events. This is publicised before the meeting to all members via email so that everyone can participate, if they choose to.
- Friends have notice boards in the school and in the playground, containing the latest minutes and agenda, as well as any other relevant information.
- All profits of fundraising activities and events are retained by the school, to be allocated at the school's discretion and as the Headteacher sees fit, for the benefit and well-being of all pupils at St Peter's. In turn, the Headteacher or Office Manager will supply updates as to how the monies have been allocated, for information and publicity purposes.

Why we do it

- The aim of Friends' events is twofold:
 - to provide an opportunity for our children to experience different social situations, and for us, as parents, to get to know each other
 - to fundraise for our school, so we can provide extra activities and equipment for all our children to enjoy and benefit from
- To support the Headteacher and school team with events.
- To enhance the education and well-being of all children at St Peter's.

If you have any questions or would like to offer any help

please email:

friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com

