



Hello and welcome!

As soon as your child starts at Kirk Fenton CE Primary School, you become part of our school community and a member of Friends of Kirk Fenton. Welcome! We are a friendly bunch and like to have fun alongside working to support our school. Here is some information about who we are and what we do.

We are a registered charity (no 1154660) dedicated to supporting the school and its children. The association is open to all parents and guardians of children attending Kirk Fenton CE Primary School, School Staff and Members of the Community. Our main function is to raise funds to enhance, enrich and improve the learning experiences for the children but we also try to provide those “little extras” that make school memorable. We also seek to provide closer links between home, school and our community and try to bring staff, parents, friends and our community socially together in support of the school. At a time of school budget cuts, the work Friends does is becoming even more important.

With the COVID pandemic, we have not been able to continue with our fundraising efforts, however it is hoped that things can resume in the coming months. As well as raising money for bigger items and projects, Friends also like to raise money for the little things, such as paying for the Christmas Panto or some equipment for classes of outside areas.

Our Past achievements :

- New EYFS Playground and Equipment
- ChromeBooks
- The Jungle Climber
- The Trim Trail
- Floor markings in the EYFS playground
- The snake bench and
- Groundworks for the Peace Garden.
- C-touch interactive screen in the Hall
- Provided waterproof trousers for outdoor learning
- Storage for the EYFS outdoor area
- School Sports Kit for external team events
- Dictionaries,
- Recorders
- Art & Craft Supplies for EYFS
- Cooking Equipment
- RE resources
- Mural in Playground
- Ball Catcher
- Life Saving Training for the School
- Pantomimes at Christmas

- Reading System for School
- Sound System for School

In 2019, Friends were particularly proud of the EYFS Playground makeover. What started out as a small tidy up project blossomed into a complete playground makeover, creating a beautiful, practical play and learning environment for the children. This was made possible with kind donations from local companies, many volunteers and our own Friends funds.



How Do Friends Do all this?

Like most PTA's the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Our main fundraising events are the Christmas and Summer fairs, but we also hold school discos, curry evenings, quiz evenings, treasure hunts, bingo events and also cake stalls and raffles. We regularly provide refreshments at school events, e.g. the Christmas nativity performances and at the end-of-year celebrations.

For Christmas, Friends arrange for each child to create their own Christmas card design, of which parents and carers can order printed cards and tea towels to send to family and loved ones (we receive a proportion of the income). Throughout the year we have bag to school collections where you can donate second hand clothing which can be reused and we get a donation for this.

Donations from Parents are extremely important, time, money, items for sale or prizes and offers of various services and skills. These can all help at events or in a project and are greatly appreciated.

We are always on the lookout for grants and companies that can help to boost our fundraising. In the past we have secured grants from Aviva which have paid for school to have a weather station and we also have obtained grants from Mint, Elmet Lions and the Church Fenton Lottery to help purchase some of the ChromeBooks.

How can you get involved?

Every little helps, we welcome help from parents, teachers and friends and have a growing list of volunteers. It may be assisting at an event, sorting out prizes, games or a bit of admin work. It may be that you want to join the committee as one of the helpers or perhaps even consider taking on one of the Committee positions and get really involved in the running of the charity. Whether you have hours or simply 5 minutes, every little helps and is greatly appreciated. Without the support of the wider school community we would not be able to raise the funds and purchase the resources and the nice, fun things for our children.

If you would like to join Us, please speak to one of the committee members, come along to our next meeting or email us on friends@kf.starmat.uk We also have a Facebook page that you can follow and use to message Us on.

Keep in Touch

Newsletter - We write regularly in the school newsletter (available on the school website and also emailed out to all parents & carers). This includes news & details of upcoming events & dates as well as details of the help we are looking for at larger events.

Flyers/Letters - in book bags

Texts - We ask school to send out on our behalf.

Email - We can be contacted via our email address friends@kf.starmat.uk. Please email Us if you would like to be included on our distribution list.



Facebook - We post messages on **Facebook @FriendsOfKirkFenton**, so please find our page and like and share our messages.

WhatsApp - We have a Volunteers WhatsApp group. Please contact Us if you wish to be part of this group.

Meetings - We have regular meetings, in various venues, pubs, the curry house of members houses. Come along and join us.

Little things to help US throughout the year

You can also help us to raise funds throughout the year by doing the following:

Matched Funding – Some employers offer a matched funding scheme whereby they match money raised by an employee for a good cause (i.e. us!). Please ask your employer if they offer this scheme and we can raise extra money this way. Please get in touch if you need any help with this.

Bag2School – We organise collections of second hand clothing and other items which can be reused and we raise money for this! We usually make around £70 per collection. Bags are sent out just before the collection dates with instructions.

Easyfundraising.org.uk – Register us as your charity of choice and each time you shop online at certain retailers (including Amazon, Clarks and John Lewis), we raise money! You need to remember to go through this website first, before making your purchase, but it is as simple as that.

Church Fenton Village Lottery – this is drawn every month and Friends receive a regular donation from the proceeds. Anyone can be in the lottery. For further details please email sarahchester@sky.com

Thank you very much for your reading.

Sending Warm Regards

Please get involved and make great friends, have fantastic fun and make a real difference to your child's time at Kirk Fenton.

2020/2021 Committee:

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