

Dear Children and Parents,

We have lots we are planning, all of which were either delayed or we have some new ideas. We will shortly be updating you in regard a Chocolate Bingo event, how you can support school via shopping and a School Lottery.

For now, we are excited to be able to Launch our Silent Auction of Promises of which was due to go live last March 2020, however, that Pandemic got in the way. We still have a few prizes stored but we need your help, here is some information all about this fantastic fundraiser!

Silent Auction of Promises

Friends of School are arranging a Silent Auction of Promises. This fundraiser which we do every two years, successfully raises a lot of pennies for school.

Historically, we have raised an average of £1200 from this fabulous fundraiser. We are currently supporting school to purchase updated technology, so this fundraising is vital to support our Fundraising.

In May all our school families will receive an auction list full of lots from local businesses, parents and friends. Each promise will be described in detail with the donating families name alongside or full business contact details.

You can then choose the lots that interest you and decide what your maximum bid will be. The auction lists are to be then returned to school. The sealed bids will be opened together, and the winning bidders announced. We will ensure each list comes home to you with full instructions in detail.

To make this auction a great success we need your help and ideas.

We need as many parents, your friends or business contacts as possible to donate an item or a service to the auction. Everyone can get involved because every promise donated, no matter how small, will raise funds for school.

Why not offer some baking, car washing, a cooked dinner, sewing, crafts, cutting grass or an hour or so of gardening? How about ironing, knitting or offering to chauffeur for a night out? Perhaps you would be able to speak with your local shop, gym, pub, soft play to ask for an auction prize? The possibilities are endless!

Repetitive style promises are more than welcome as many promises are very popular.

If you work for a company that could offer us a gift to auction, please do let us know.

We have previously had some fantastic promises which were greatly received such as books, an hour's gardening, amazing home-made crafts, dog walking, allotment hampers, babysitting, a Christmas cake, taxi ride for an evening's outing, a taxi ride to the airport, cupcakes, makeovers, 12 biscuits baked for four weeks of a term.

In addition, we have had families with businesses or friend's businesses donating beauty treatments, restaurant meals, hairdressing, hotel stays, festival tickets, family photo shoots, park or theatre tickets. Every promise from a family and company guarantees pennies for school!

Supporting you or a local Business - We are happy to hand out your business leaflet with the auction papers detailing the promise and other services your business can provide, including a mention in our Social Media.

Friends will also be writing or emailing museums, theatres, theme parks to request prizes. However, if you have a contact and can save us a postage stamp then please contact Sarah Lynch, Sarah Marshall, Jenny Crabtree or let the school office know as soon as possible please. We can also provide you with a letter from Friends to ask for a donation if you are able to complete this task for us. Please just ask Mrs McBride or Sarah Lynch (William's Mum in Year 5).

Once the bidding forms are printed, we will be asking all of you to deliver as many of the auction lists as you can around your family, friends, community or send them a link to the school website where auction forms will be available.

We thought the Easter Holidays may also be a great time to collect tickets if you are visiting a park or similar. Please decide what you could offer and complete and return the slip below to the School Office no later than **26th April 2022**. These dates give time for collection of items and then opportunity to purchase treats for yourself or the family during the school holidays!

We look forward receiving your ideas.

Thank you very much, Friends of School.

Friends' Auction of Promises - RETURN BY 26th April 2022

The wording provided below will be how we will type it onto the auction list, so please ensure you use the wording you would like on the auction sheet, for example, 1 x 8-inch Cake, Car wash of 1 family sized car, chauffeur ride to a maximum round trip of 80 miles.

Your promises may be simply "From the Smith Family" - Freddie and Amy's family or if you are a business, you are very welcome to include your full business address, email, website.

Don't forget we are happy to hand out your business leaflet with the auction papers detailing the promise and other services your business can provide, including a mention in our social media.

I will offer a promise/s of

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From

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Expiry date of promise

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Signed.....

Print Name.....

Contact number.....

Childs name and class.....

My friend's business can offer a promise/s of

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Full contact details for the form

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Expiry date of promise

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YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO SUBMIT YOUR PROMISE DETAIL ON ADDITIONAL PAPER TO THIS FORM