

St Anne's Infants' School



Support the Friends of St Anne's

As a small school, it can be difficult for the Friends group to keep up momentum and the pandemic seriously affected their ability to fundraise. A couple of faithful members have kept it going and they are now beginning to build numbers and capacity but still need plenty of support to organise fun-filled events for all the family and raise money for the school. There are lots of ways you can help out...

- *If you can volunteer some regular time and want to be central to making a real difference, join the committee
- *If you want to help but time is limited especially during the day, volunteer to help out with the organisation or running of events as and when you can – it could even be as simple as wrapping some presents in front of the TV for the Christmas gift shop or giving half an hour to stick raffle tickets on tombola prizes
- *Don't have time to help out? Make sure you join in the fun at Friends events – the next one is the summer fair on 7 July.
- *Don't forget to buy a homemade ice pop on Fridays after school – 50p each and you can now pay by phone if buying 2 or more!

To get involved or find out more about helping, email friendsofstannes@hotmail.com

To keep up with what's going on, read the school newsletters or follow the Friends of St Anne's Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsStAnnes>

Volunteer

With cuts to staffing, we have less adults to hear children read and practise reading and writing key words. Parent volunteers have always been crucial to school but now more so than ever. If you don't feel confident enough to work with children, you could also come in to cut and laminate resources or help in the library. If you are interested in volunteering in school next year, contact Anna Sutherland on help@stannesinfants.co.uk. All volunteers are required to have a DBS check and where possible references are obtained.

Easyfundraising

Many years ago, the school opened an easyfundraising account but it is not something we have promoted in recent years. It's easy and completely FREE to sign up to and 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping, at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up [here](#) and [share the link](#) today.

PLUS the more new supporters that sign up before 30 June, the more chances we have to win an additional £500!

Paying for trips

Over the last few years, we have been making a considerable loss on school trips and are no longer in a position to cover any shortfall. From now on, when paying for trips you will be able to do this more flexibly:

- if you are not able to cover the whole cost but can make a contribution, you can enter a lesser amount
- if you are not able to cover the whole cost in one go, you can pay in installments
- if you are in a position to be able to contribute a little more, or 'pay it forward' by paying for another child, you can do this by entering a higher amount
- if you are able to and would like to make a larger donation, you can do so by entering the amount you would like to donate

Share your knowledge, skills and expertise

Do you have a particular skill, hobby or interest? Do you have a job with links to the curriculum? Do you have personal knowledge and experience that would make learning more meaningful? If so, we would love to hear from you...perhaps you could come in and talk to the children in class or an assembly? Maybe you would like to run an activity or workshop with the children? Maybe you could share photos or artefacts for the teachers to use in their teaching? Email school@stannesinfants.co.uk and help us build up a database of useful connections!

Get hands on!

Maintaining our beautiful old buildings and their grounds is costly and some of the spaces are in desperate need of repair and renovation. If you have any time and/or know-how when it comes to building, decorating or maintenance, read on...We are currently looking to spruce up or replace the fencing outside the Year 1 classrooms and build a new viewing platform for children to watch the trains go by – if you have any links to timber merchants or are able to help with either of these jobs, get in touch!

Put your child's name down for a school meal on census days

Census days happen three times a year and each time, we have to submit the number of children who have had a school meal on that day. This number is used to calculate how much money we get in our budget for Universal Free School Meals. So, the more children who have a meal, the more funding we get. We always serve the children's favourites of sausage, pizza and fishfingers!

Check if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium is funding made available by the Department for Education to support outcomes for 'disadvantaged' children. There are a number of criteria for eligibility but the most common relates to parents bring in receipt of certain support payments. To find out more and for a link to an eligibility checked, go to <https://www.stannesinfants.co.uk/pupil-premium/>

Amazon Wishlist

We are in the process of setting up two lists on Amazon – a wishlist for some of the one-off resources we need for next year and a re-order list with items that we regularly use in school. If you would like to consider purchasing something from either list please click on the following links:

Wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/gq3pCSL>

Re-order list: <https://amzn.eu/46NN0iW>

Gifting

We are very lucky to have an ex-pupil who is in a position to donate a small but very important amount to the school on a monthly basis. If you or anyone you know is in a position to do this or make a one-off donation, please contact Anna Sutherland to find out how. All financial donations go directly towards supporting and enriching the children's education.

Business links

Many companies offer matched funding for a project, one-off grants, or a team of people to fulfil a community project. If your company is able to help in this kind of way, please contact Anna Sutherland, we would love to hear from you!

Funding grants

Keep your eye out for funding grants and competitions that schools are eligible for. If you see anything that may be of interest, please email details to school@stannesinfants.co.uk or share a link on our Facebook page.

Share our advert for a new school business manager

We are currently recruiting for a new business manager to start in September. This is such a vital role in the school particularly at the current time so if you know anyone who may be interested or are able to share the advert in any groups or networks you are part of, please do!

The link to the advert is here: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-anne-s-infant-school-jobs-26145/?oo=ag>

Spread a good word

The simple fact is, the more children we have in school, the more money we receive so if you are happy with the education your child is receiving, please spread the word and encourage friends and family to consider St Anne's Infants for their children!

Please do get in touch if you have any other ideas or suggestions!