



The Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School is the Parent and Staff Association for Thorpe St Andrew School.

The Association has existed for well over twenty years, raising funds and providing additional resources and equipment for the school. As we all know, school budgets cannot fund everything and it is down to associations like ours to raise funds for extra equipment and resources. We feel it is important to support the education of our students in this way.

Successful fundraising activities over the past few years have included Christmas Fayres, Quiz 'n' Chips Evenings, Talent Shows, Discos and visits to various attractions such as Thorpe Park, Cadbury World, Harry Potter Studios in London, Skirmish Paintballing and West End Theatres.

We welcome bids from all Departments, Houses and School Clubs and they can range from a few pounds to £1000. What we do ask is that the Head or Manager of a Department or House, or the Leader of the School Club supports the bids. We usually forward a copy of the bid to the Principal for his views, as he may be able to identify school funds that could cover the bid rather than using Friends' Association funds.

We encourage bidders to attend a meeting to present the proposal and, if at all possible, to help out at one of our events or support our work in some other way.

The Friends' Committee meets once every half-term on a Thursday, in the North Site Staffroom, at 7.30pm, and the Committee Meeting Dates for 2014-15 are:

- Thursday 11 September 2014
- Thursday 6 November
- Thursday 8 January 2015
- Thursday 26 February
- Thursday 16 April
- Thursday 4 June

We are looking for bids for items that can be used by many students. They could be items that could be shared with several classes or within a Department, House or area of the School. A new or existing club attracting a number of students might be in need of equipment that the Friends could purchase.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any queries, please email us: thorpefriends@gmail.com.

Graham Fish
FOTSAS Chair

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Please return the completed form to Solveig Emerson (FOTSAS Secretary), by the date of the next meeting.

Department / House / Club:

Contact Name:

Head of Department / House / Club Leader Signature:

Date:

Total Amount Requested: £

Please list items separately below (or on a separate piece of paper) and, where possible, include print-outs/photocopies of items.

Please outline how students will benefit from a successful bid.

Please email us using thorpefriends@gmail.com to state whether you're able to attend the Friends' meeting to bid for the funds in person. Please also indicate below what assistance you are prepared to provide to future fundraising efforts for the Friends, which may facilitate this bid.

Comments by the Principal

tick

- Funds are available from the school budget to support this bid – Friends' support not needed.
- School funds will match funds by the Friends (50:50) – Friends' support would be appreciated.
- Funds are not available in school to fund this bid – Friends' support would be appreciated.

Principal's Signature:

Date: