

# Friends of Utkinton

Hi and welcome to the first Friends of Utkinton Newsletter.

## Who are we?



The Friends of Utkinton formally the PTA are Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Aunties, Uncles and Guardians who through either past or present pupils have a vested interest in fundraising for the benefit of the children at Utkinton St Paul's School.

There are no rules with the Friends of Utkinton, there is no one 'in charge' although there is usually a main person who will take responsibility of coordinating events. The aim of the group is to run fun activities for families to enjoy, whilst raising much needed support money for the school.

## Fundraising



Previously we have had huge success with fundraising and we thank you heartily for your keen contributions which have come either through cold hard cash, via time and effort and usually through copious amounts of baking!

Last year we purchased 12 new laptops which are used daily by the children. Previous to this contributions have been made towards the cost of school trips and other much needed resources. The Friends of Utkinton bank account currently stands at a healthy £6000.00. This amazing figure was boosted from money raised as a result of Tirley Garth, The Sports BBQ, Christmas Fair, Father's Day Breakfast, Movie Night, Grandparents Day and many more fund raising sessions held throughout the year. We also supported events that do not raise money - this is our way of saying thank you for the support offered by families to the school.

## Your support is welcomed

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have welcomed many new pupils across the school - not just in reception. We hope that we can encourage new and old support for the Friends of Utkinton whether this be from ideas, time, or through any special skills you are willing to share. All are appreciated and warmly welcomed.

## Save the date



For those interested in getting involved, making new friends or getting out of the bedtime routine, there will be an initial planning meeting held on the evening of **Thursday 19th September 7:00pm**. This will be followed by a Welcome to Utkinton Macmillan Coffee Morning, which will be held on **Thursday 26th September 9.00 am**. More events will follow from there. The Facebook page is being relaunched as Friends of Utkinton. If you are on Facebook please search for the page and follow to keep abreast of the activities that are being planned throughout the year.

## Get in touch



If you have any questions regarding the Friends of Utkinton please feel free to speak with Mrs Wright in the school office or Lucy Griffith (Oscar, Ted and Hattie's Mum), who can usually be found loitering in the playground before and after school.



Don't forget to join our Facebook page - **Friends of Utkinton**