



Registered Charity Number: 1069393

## **FRIENDS OF CAISTOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Dear Parents

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST 2015**

At this time of year everyone is thinking about giving presents and the Friends of Caistor Grammar School are no exception! The School operates on a very tight budget, so there is always a 'wish list' of equipment that the School cannot afford, but which the staff would like to have. The Friends of Caistor Grammar School hoped that parents could help by either giving a Christmas gift "in kind" or by giving a cash gift towards some of the larger items. Either way, all gifts and donations are as always, very gratefully received. All year round, the Friends of Caistor Grammar School buy items requested by the school; however it is better value for money if parents or their businesses could donate surplus equipment, or give new items, or sell items at a wholesale or cost price rather than the retail price. A list of some of the items staff have requested is attached to this letter. All donations received will be recorded on gift tags on a Christmas tree in the School vestibule. Please would you deliver any gifts to the School by the end of term or contact Mrs Deborah Craddock, the Headmaster's Secretary, if this is not possible.

If you do make a cash donation, this can be done more tax efficiently if you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration so we would really appreciate you doing that if at all possible. We can now reclaim tax on all donations made to our Christmas Wish List under a Gift Aid Declaration, as long as the donor is a tax payer equal to the amount of tax deducted from their donations. This means that if you pay tax at the basic rate of 20p in the £ we can reclaim 25p for every £1 you give us, so for every £15 donated we can reclaim another £3.75 from the Inland Revenue. Please make all cheques payable to "**Friends of Caistor Grammar School**".

We would also like to remind you that our Christmas Cards are still available for sale at a price of £5 per pack of five cards, or they can be purchased individually at £1 per card. Please contact the School Office.

The Christmas Carol Concert will be held at the church on the evening of December 15th with mince pies and mulled wine being served afterwards in the Old Hall. Could we kindly ask for donations of mince pies (home made or shop bought, we don't mind) to be dropped at the school on either Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th December.

Finally, with Christmas looming ever closer, we're sure that some of you will now be well underway with your Christmas shopping. For those of you purchasing your gifts on the internet, can we ask you to log onto the "Giving Machine," website and select Caistor Grammar School before accessing your online stores from their site. If you do this, a donation is made directly to the School. It does not affect the way you do your shopping, and more importantly, does not cost you a penny more.

On behalf of all of the Friends of Caistor Grammar School, thank you for your support and may we wish you all a peaceful and very Happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully

Tracey Edwards  
Chair of the Friends of Caistor Grammar School

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I would like to donate £.....towards .....

I want Friends of Caistor Grammar School to reclaim tax on all donations I make on or after the date of this declaration. Please remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax Equal to the tax we claim on your donations - 25p for every £1 you give.

*Please tick if appropriate.*

**DONOR'S DETAILS: Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other)**

**Full Name** .....

**Address** .....

**Post Code** ..... **Pupil and Form**.....

If you think you have something which may be useful to the School, please give details below:-

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

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**A special request from Mr Hale**

Donations towards our Fund for Technicians for the 2016/17 academic year. We are trying to raise £15000 in total.

**German**

Donations towards £100 for new resources for new A level

**Music**

Donations towards replacing pianos -each one £2800

Any unwanted piano stools or classical music/cds

Donations towards percussion instruments

**Science**

Washing up liquid

Hand soaps

Goldfish food and feeding blocks

**French**

French DVDs for library £5 each

Easy readers £7 each

**Art**

Donations towards etching/printing press (£1500)

**Chemistry Club**

Custard Powder, Golden Syrup

Sugar, Plain Flour

Artists paintbrushes

Pipcleaners, plasticine

Food Bags, Food Colouring

**Drama**

Donations towards the cost of costumes for School production

2 speak-on leads £15 each

Donations towards two monitor speakers £100 each

Donations towards 2 speaker stands £50 each

**Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Donations towards the purchase of new tents £135 each

Hi-vis rucksack covers approx. £8 each

Donations towards Trangia cooking stoves approx. £45 each

Donations towards Rucksacks £55 each

Maps £10 each

Map cases £2.50 each

**Maths**

Mathematical wall clocks

Rubik's cubes or similar puzzles

**Chess Club**

Chess boards and chess pieces, new or secondhand

**History**

Wider reading books to support the A level course

**PE**

Match balls £20 each for netball and football

Squeezy whistles £10 each for students to use in lessons.

Stop watches for athletics. £15 each

Netball bibs £30 a set.

Lesson bibs £20 per set.

**Design and Technology**

Donations towards a second 3D printer for students to use £355