

FRIENDS OF CGS NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

Dear All,

Below are some of the plans that we have for this year. Looking back over the past school year, we would like to thank everyone for their support.

A really successful Quiz night was held last November. The Teachers' team were beaten into third place by some new parents who later went onto challenge the Eggheads in the BBC quiz the following week. Huge thanks to former parent David Bradbury, Quizmaster, for pulling it all together. Additional thanks go to Tom Woods for a much appreciated beer donation and also to Savage's Fish & Chip shop for their excellent catering. The gym was packed with teams and the night flew by. We raised over £650 on the night. After experiencing sound problems on the night, we have given £800 to the school to replace the old sound system in the gym! This will be of benefit to all departments and students.

The Christmas Wish List raised £1575 plus an additional £210 in Gift Aid. Thanks to all for your generous donations. As a result of this, we have been able to support many departments with their requests.

This year we are hoping to raise **£5,000** for school funds. We have asked Mr Hopkins and the department heads to consider one large item that would be very much sought after. After much debate, it is felt that the school piano was in need of replacing. Fran Thompson, the Director of Music, would ideally like a piano that can be transported with ease to events at the Town Hall. There were many good suggestions from other departments, some of which may be feasible if we raise £5,000 this year.

Last year the Summer Draw raised an amazing **£2,512**. We are looking to repeat this again and hope to increase this figure. We are again supplying a huge wheelbarrow of chocolate as an incentive for the form that sells the most raffle tickets.

Last year a fierce inter form competition was fought to the very last day. The winner was Mr Davey's form, 7Y. There were some great pictures on the website. We have already received donations and support from local businesses but if any parents have prizes they can donate for the draw it would be very much appreciated.

Please support this annual draw by purchasing tickets or making a prize donation. Every penny generated will be going directly to school for much needed resources and to benefit our students. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

The Giving Machine

Thinking of making any purchases online? Presents perhaps? The Giving Machine is a website that you can make purchases through. To join as a donor, you need to follow the directions on the website and then select "Friends of Caistor Grammar School" as your selected charity. Then go through this website to access where you are spending.

It won't cost you anything but the retailer will donate up to 10% back directly to school. Last year this generated over **£90** by families simply doing this.

Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 29th March in O6. All are welcome and we would fully appreciate your ideas and input to keep supporting the school.

Best Wishes

Tracey Edwards – Chair

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