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Dear Parents and Children,

A very warm welcome to Ely St John's School.

We are The Friends of Ely St John's; a team of volunteer parents and carers who work alongside teacher representatives to fundraise for the school. Our purpose is to enhance the learning environment for the children by fundraising for things the school wouldn't otherwise have funds for. we have allocated funds towards the refurbishment of the KS2 playground equipment, a smart screen for the Gallery for use in music lessons, as well as a complete set of phonics guided reading books. Funds raised previously have been put towards many things including tablet devices, books, science and maths workshops and an arts performance. We are currently fundraising towards a new library space at the school.

We run various events throughout the year and will send out details of any planned events via the school office. As well as regular bake and second hand uniform sales, some of our other events include film nights and a school disco (Foundation children are invited to join these towards the end of their first school year) and we have a very popular Christmas Fayre. This year we also held our very first "Bookfest" event in collaboration with the school to raise money for the new library.

A great way to keep in touch and receive reminders (we know life gets busy!) is to 'like' our Facebook page (search 'The Friends of Ely St Johns').

We couldn't run all these events without the support of our volunteers who like helping at our various fun events, seeing the children enjoying themselves, and meeting other parents. There are many exciting events you can get involved with so why not consider signing up to our volunteer register? There's no obligation to help at all events, a little help wherever you can give it, is greatly appreciated. Once you are settled into life at Ely St John's School, please do consider signing up to our volunteer list. You can always reach us at thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk, via our Facebook page or you can chat to us anytime in the playground.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at some of our events.

Laura
Friends of Ely St John's Chairperson

Easy ways to help us fundraise

Buying labels for your child's clothes and belongings – simply use one of these companies with the relevant Ely St John's code:

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Use Stikins and we receive a commission.

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