



St. James the Great

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BACKGROUND

The Friends Association was started in January 1979, with the main intention of providing a regular income for the school fund. Since then, it has raised over £100,000, all of which has been used for the benefit of the children in the school. The association is also a registered charity.

Membership of the Association is by subscription of £5.00 per term this can be paid each term or by a £15.00 for the full year. This provides as its main benefit a draw number for the 200 Club draws, which are normally held twice each term. There are two prizes of £150.00 each term, plus smaller cash prizes, more than 60% of all the subscriptions are paid out in prize money. The remainder is all used for the direct benefit of the children in the school.

The Association also raises other funds for specific projects. These come from numerous and varied events during the year, including a substantial Fete every two years. Other regular events include Discos, Quiz Nights, Bingo Nights and a Christmas Fayre. The Association also helps run several events for pupils such as Christmas entertainments and Sports Days. We also maintain a coach and two 17 seat minibuses on the schools behalf this transport is used both for school trips and for social events out of school hours. They are also used to support school clubs e.g. Football and netball teams etc. having this transport enables whole year groups to travel at the same time on school trips.

The association also plays an important part in the links between school and the parishes and other external organisations such as Guides and Scouting.

Parents and other relatives and friends and school staff are eligible for membership. New members are always welcome and an increased membership will mean more prize money available each term in the 200 Club draws. If you would like to join, please fill in the slip below and hand it in with your payment to the School Office. It is a considerable help administratively if subscriptions are paid promptly and the annual payment of £15.00 is preferred. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St. James the Great School". Regrettably we are unable to accept payment by direct debit or standing order.

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TO: The 200 Club Secretary, Friends Association (c/o School Office)

I would like to join the Association and have my membership number entered in the 200 club draws.

NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss etc)

ADDRESS:.....

.....Postcode.....

**Childs Name and Class.....
(or state other connection with the school)**

Amount enclosed £..... (£15.00, £10.00 or £5.00)