



## **Friends of Birchfield News!**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The Friends of Birchfield would like to thank you for your support during the last academic year.

Lots has been happening with The Friends and we thought it may be easier to update you on all of our news in one go!

### **CIRCUS BALL 2016**

#### **GREAT BIG BALL THANK YOU!**

The Summer Ball raised just over £10,000 for Birchfield School.

Thank you for attending, sponsoring, advertising, donating and supporting us.

### **BONFIRE NIGHT 2016**

We raised £2,200 at this year's bonfire night.

Attended by more people than ever - thank you for supporting the evening, we hope you had a fantastic time.

### **OUT WITH THE OLD!**

#### **Clare Norton retires as Chair**

Less of the old she says! ☺

A note from Clare;

I have had a fantastic three years leading a brilliant, enthusiastic, hardworking, loyal and fun team and having the pleasure to work with and for Birchfield School and its wonderful parents and pupils.

We have raised an awful lot of money, we have installed some fantastic projects within school, iPad infrastructure, Food Technology Room, Pre-Prep Cloakroom and Lego Room being the headliners! But most of all I hope that you have enjoyed the fantastic events we have hosted and created many wonderful memories too. Please accept my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your time and help, for supporting us at our events and for your encouragement along the way, I have had a ball and look forward to working with Jade and the team moving forward. Clare x



### **IN WITH THE NEW!**

#### **Jade Colton, new Chair**

I would like to thank Clare for the immense amount of time and effort she has put into the Friends of Birchfield over the last few years. She has been an absolute stalwart.

I have grown up with Birchfield in my life; with my father attending back in 1959 and my brother following in 1982; and so the School and its traditions are very important to me. I am delighted to lead our fantastic committee of Friends, who are forever giving their spare time and energy to help raise funds for the School through organising memorable and thoroughly enjoyable events throughout the year. We have some exciting projects for 2017, and as always thank you for your continued support with our efforts. I hope I do you and the Friends of Birchfield proud!

### **SAVE THE DATES!!**

#### **Please note the following dates in your diary!**

*Christmas Fayre, Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 3.15pm*

*Summer Fete, Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

*Birchfield Summer Ball, Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

### **THE GIVING MACHINE**

We have a very exciting new project we will be contacting you about in the next week and to qualify to take part you need to use the Giving Machine on at least one occasion to generate a free cash donation to school! Yes, it's free! If you shop through an online retailer using the link from this site a free cash donation is generated for Friends of Birchfield for doing absolutely nothing! No spam, no contact emails, just free money!

Find out more by visiting [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

Or speak to one of the team.

Please use this site for all of your online Christmas shopping!

### **HELP!**

**Please help at the Christmas Fayre if you can.**

**We need helpers in the following slots;**

**8.30-10.30am, 1.30-3.15pm, 3.15-5.30pm.**

**Please email [thecoltons@ymail.com](mailto:thecoltons@ymail.com) if you can help!**