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PTFA NEWSLETTER

October 2016

Welcome to St Mary's School PTFA October Newsletter!

You will receive one of these 'yellow PTFA newsletters' on a monthly basis and they will (hopefully!) keep you abreast regarding which PTFA/Joint PTFA & Parish events are taking place, when, and where...

PTFA stands for Parents, Teacher and Friends Association.

Our PTFA at St. Mary's is made up of some core members however we would be most grateful for support from **all** parents given that the more input & support the PTFA has, the more thriving it will be consequently benefitting the children at our school.

Your support - (be it by purchasing cakes at our class Cake Sales, purchasing items from the 'Nearly New Uniform Sale' & attending events we organize) - is invaluable and as mentioned above, not only greatly benefits the children and St. Mary's but also helps create a true 'Community feel' which we feel is very important in any school.

Your PTFA is made up of the following Committee Members:

- Chair- Lawrence Gain
- Vice Chair – Nina Henderson-Andrade
- Treasurer – Elena Messineo
- Secretary (Joint Role) – Chris West and Dani Cope
- Social Media (Facebook)– Dani Cope (with the help of Darren Collins)
- Unity Lottery - tbc
- Website – Darren Collins and Tim Moore
- Cake Sales co-ordinator Ellen Conway
- Uniform Sales – Samantha Connor
- Newsletter- Katrina O'Malley
- School – Miss P. Pickering: (Head teacher), Miss Grant (Deputy Head teacher and year 6 teacher) and Miss Duncan (Upper year 4 teacher).

Please note that photos of each committee member will soon be put up on individual class windows so that you all know who we are.

Class Representatives

In order to facilitate communication between the PTFA and parents, we have now introduced representatives for each class whom you may contact for any questions/queries regarding the PTFA.

Your Class Reps are the following:

- EYFS: Melissa Knowles, Catherine Nugent and Ruth Nixon
- Year 1: Nina Henderson-Andrade
- Year 1-2: Nina Henderson-Andrade & Dani Cope
- Year 2 : Catherine Mitchell & Katrina O'Malley
- Year 3: Katrina O'Malley & G Forsyth, Darren Collins & Tim Moore
- Year 4: (lower) – Chris West & Sharon Telford
- Year 4: (Upper) – Amanda Flack and Tina Pearce
- Year 5: – Katy Gore
- Year 5/6: – Helen Johnson
- Year 6: Dani Cope & Ellen Conway

Once again, in order that you can “put a face to a name”, photos of each committee member and specific class reps will soon be put up on individual class windows.

Forthcoming PTFA events....

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT...



The date: Friday 25 Nov

The Venue: The school Hall

The Time: 7pm

How much: Nothing; it's free entry! ☺

Details You can bring your own bottle plus there will be snacks available for purchase including home-made Italian Pizza and 'Pannacotta' pudding.

Cake sales



Each class holds a cake sale throughout the school year, the proceeds of which help keep the Food Tech area stocked and ready to use. The rest of this year's dates are as follows:

11 November - Year 5/6

9 December - Year 5

The last cake sale was the year 6 one which took place on Friday 14 October.

The amount raised was a whopping..... £125.45 so a huge congrats to all year 6 children, their parents who kindly baked/donated cakes, to Ellen Conway who co-ordinates the cake sales and a special thank you of course goes to Miss Grant who organized this event!

Nearly New Uniform Sale

We currently have very little left of the St Marys Jumpers and T-shirts, especially the larger sizes... Should you therefore have any grown out of the larger sized St. Mary’s cardigans, jumpers or t-shirts lurking in your wardrobe please just pop them into the school reception or give them directly to the Nearly New Uniform co-coordinator: Mrs Samantha Connor : 07766 684 041



Unity is the nation's fundraising lottery scheme. It's designed to give good causes the chance to gain support and raise valuable funds through their own weekly lottery draw. Why is it special? For every £1 you play, 50p will go straight to the school! Find out more online at www.unitylottery.co.uk

Matched Funding – Can you/your company help?



Did you know that there are hundreds of organisations throughout the UK that offer their employees the chance to boost their individual fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise for their chosen charity? Giving or matched funding is a simple way of maximising the fundraising efforts of your individual PTFA volunteers. For many organisations this is part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. It is an informal, albeit corporate, arrangement between a company and their employee. Not all companies offer matched funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the charity of their choice.

Some organizations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give. Should your company offer a matched funding scheme, please do let us know as this would indeed be such an extra boost to our school’s Fundraising efforts!

Next PTFA Meeting

Our Next PTFA Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 November at 8pm at ‘The Bure Farm pub’.**

ALL are welcome as your input and ideas are most valuable to us and would be greatly appreciated.