



# PTFA NEWSLETTER

## February 2018

**Happy New Year!** It seems like such a long time ago already. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas as much as we did. A massive thank you to all those parents who helped out with the various events we had over the festive period. The cake sales, Uniform Sales, DVD's, Disco's and Christmas Fayre were great fun to be a part of and we hope you enjoyed them all. Here's to the next few events.....

### Used Uniform

We have now nearly exhausted our stock of the St Mary's blue monogrammed uniform, if you do have any you no longer need, please drop it into the school office. The Last sale raised £ 25.50



### Cinema Night



**Tuesday**  
**13<sup>th</sup>**  
**March**

### Dates to remember:-

#### **February**

Book Week - Monday 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Half Term - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Year 3/4 (LBU) Cake Sale - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **March**

PTFA Meeting - Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Brewers Fayre.  
Mother's Day Sale - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day Cream Tea - Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Cinema Night - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Year 3/4 (HD) Cake Sale - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Easter Holidays - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

#### **April**

Easter Egg Hunt - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Year 2 Cake Sale - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Other**

Summer Fete - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Sport's Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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!

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You click from the easyfundraising website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly.

**Get a donation**

After you have bought your shoes, John Lewis will make a donation to your chosen cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations for us, and it costs nothing!



## Mother's Day Cream Tea

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March



## St Mary's Mother's

Day Sale



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
These are a surprise for Mums! Each class will be given the opportunity to purchase these items over the three days. Thank you from your PTFA in advance for supporting this event.

## Cake Sales

Congratulations to all those classes who have held their cake sales so far, some great results. The last year 3/4 cake sale raised £75.75. Thank you!

