



ST MARY'S FAMILY & FRIENDS PTA NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the newest edition of the St Mary's Family and Friends PTA newsletter which we will be issuing termly to keep you all updated with our events, funds raised and what these funds have been put towards to support our children at the school.

To start, as this is the first edition and there been some changes to the team, I'd thought we'd introduce ourselves...

CHAIR – SUZIE CAMPOS



I am Mum to Harry (Yr3) and Chloe (Yr1). I used to work at the airport but now am a lunchtime supervisor at the school. Between that and school runs I work as a cleaner. I joined the PTA as a class rep when my son started nursery and recently

taken over as Chair. Myself and the team have been working hard this term to come up with new fundraising ideas and events to help raise much needed funds for the school. If you want to help in any capacity don't be afraid to come along to any meetings or speak to us in the playground – any help will be greatly appreciated.

VICE CO CHAIR – LIA VOONG



Mum to Lincoln (Yr6) and Dexter (Yr3). I work for myself as a Slimming World consultant, Zumba instructor, hairdresser and beautician. I have never been involved with the PTA before and was that parent that stood in the playground thinking my opinion wouldn't matter – how wrong was I. I took on the vice chair position at the beginning of this term and can't wait to help out. It's great to be involved and be able to communicate with other parents/carers. I am bringing to the team loads of new ideas and my social media expertise which is receiving positive feedback.

VICE CO CHAIR - WIVIAN LOGASSI



TREASURER - CHRISTINE PADDICK



Mum to Poppy in Year 1. I work as a Personal Assistant and am lucky to be able to work flexible hours and from home most of the time. I joined the PTA last year as Secretary and then became treasurer this year. I went along to the meeting after becoming class rep to see what it was all about. I was shocked with the amount of time and effort that goes into planning and running the events for the school and was keen to get involved.

SECRETARY - NATALIE MORRIS



I have 2 sons – my eldest is Stanley, who is in reception and my other is hopefully joining nursery in September. I work as a sales manager for a software house which involves a lot of travelling around the UK so because of this and the hours I work I don't get much interaction with parents or teachers at the school but I really wanted to get involved. I attended the PTA meeting early this year and was voted in as the PTA secretary. The PTA and class rep parents are all so lovely and I am learning a great deal about the work they do with and supporting the school. Please come and join us!

Your Class reps:

- Caterpillar – Emma Carter
- Butterfly – Caroline Monahan
- Squirrel – Nikki Morris / Christine Paddick
- Hedgehog – Christine Gowling
- Fox – Siobhan Dunne / Sarah Capper
- Otter – Clare King / Matt King
- Owl – Clare Anderson
- Falcon – Sarah Eve
- Hawk – Candy Dunne

We started this term by having a good clear out of the sheds ready for our replacements which we are hoping to have in place later this year (funds dependent). These hold all the 'equipment' for the fairs and sit alongside the PE shed. If you know of anyone than can support with new sheds (as ours are old and rotting!) and removal of the old, please contact the one of the PTA or email pta4stmarys@gmail.com.



Environmental / Wildlife Area

On Sunday 24th March a team of parents and kids came into the school to tidy up the Environmental / Wildlife Area. Everyone worked VERY hard and did a fantastic job turning the overgrown area into a lovely learning space for children and staff to enjoy. We have since

received great feedback of the area being used by classes to do colouring and other activities. Thank you to all who attended and gave up their time to support us as well as those who donated plants etc. We received a lovely donation of plants (see pic above) from Shedx – Growing Ideas which were planted along the fence (seen in bottom left pic below).



Mother's Day 'pop up' shop

On Friday 29th March the PTA ran a shop during the afternoon for children to come and pick their mothers, step mothers, grandmothers etc a gift for Mother's Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed picking their gifts and were all so polite – it was a pleasure to hold this event and will definitely be something we repeat. We hope all those who received presents loved them and had a fantastic Mothering Sunday.



Valentine's Day treat sale

On Valentine's Day the PTA held a treat sale in the playground after school for kids and parents to treat

themselves or their loved ones to a tasty treat! Thank you to all involved in baking, buying, packaging and decorating. We also surprised the teachers with a little gift to thank them for all they do for our children.



Are you having a clear out this term?
We are looking for donations of any toys or school uniform that are no longer needed and in good condition to be sold at the fair on the nearly new stall. If so, please hand to one of the PTA/class reps or drop into the office and email us at pta4stmarys@gmail.com

Quiz night

Friday 1st March was the school annual quiz/fish and chips night. It was another excellent evening which raised approx. £150 for



the school. Well done to our winning team as seen here holding their trophies.

Easter Egg hunt

On Monday 1st April our school's annual Easter Egg hunt took place. The children were sent around the playground to hunt for little chicks which the Easter bunny, with the help of Suzie, by magic turned them into Easter Eggs! As you can see from the pic above we bought a LOT of Easter Eggs!



Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets have been on sale leading up to the Easter holiday's for a chance one of three



amazing Easter hampers which include Prosecco, Cadbury's Crème Eggs, Mini Eggs, Galaxy Golden Eggs, Flump marshmallows and much more. The winner will be announced at the end of term.....Good Luck!

Pyjama Day

Thanks for taking part and supporting PJ day at school on Friday 15th March – we raised £205!

Did you know that St Mary's Family & Friend's is a registered charity?

We are always looking for new fund raising ideas, donations and volunteers so please don't hesitate to contact us!

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

- Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April – Obstacle Fun Run
- Friday 3rd May – Mufti (bottles)
- Monday 6th to Friday 10th May – Penny Wars (details to follow)
- Wednesday 15th May – Butterfly class cake sale
- Wednesday 12th June – Caterpillar class cake sale
- Friday 14th June – Father's Day 'pop up' shop
- Friday 14th June – Pamper Evening
- Friday 28th June – Mufti (packet sweets)
- Thursday 4th June – Sports day tuck shop/refreshments
- Friday 5th July – School disco
- Saturday 13th July – Summer Fair

Easter Bonnet / Decorate an Egg

Alongside the school we held the Easter Bonnet / Decorate an Egg completion at assembly on Monday 1st April. There were some fantastic, very creative designs across the whole school.



Congratulations to the winners (pictured above).

What are the funds used for?

Funds raised through the PTA get used to hold events for the children, eg. Easter Egg hunt and get given to the school to buy resources etc. Our donation of £5000 at the end of last year supported the buying of 30 new iPad chrome books, Mathletics (online maths resource), new dictionaries alongside new books for the library. This term we have already handed over to the school £1000 to be put towards the year 6 leavers hoodies and Year Book USB sticks. We have also paid for the school to have a PA system (see pic).

