



'CONNECTED'

KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together
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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

A huge welcome to all Parents, carers and members of our school community old and new.

We welcome you all to a new school year and hopefully a year full of exciting activities and fundraisers that we can all get involved in and enjoy.

This first connected will allow us to introduce the current members of the PTFA to you and help get us all back on track and stay informed of fundraising that we desperately need to do to help support our small school. As we say every year we are all a part of the Kingston St Mary PTA, so it would be great to see some more faces involved to help support each other in the best way we can.

The PTA is made up of 3 officers:

Linda Bewes – Chairperson. Linda has Gracie and Harry in Woodies and Robins.

Terri Quinn – Treasurer. Terri has Noah in Robins.

Shantel Ewing – Secretary. Shantel has Jake also in Robins.

These officers are here to facilitate the fundraising and the year group reps are here to communicate the messages to all parents and carers. But it is the role of each and every parent to help fundraise and support the school in this very difficult time.

As very little fundraising has taken place over the last 2 years the school is desperately in need of funds to support their budget and ensure our children get the hands-on resources and support, they all need. The funds also help to keep our children up to date with current technology. So, help support this amazing small village school and get involved.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Penny Jars will be appearing in classrooms this week until Christmas. Please search the sofas, check in the car and in money boxes. The class who collects the most 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p will win a prize for their class Christmas party

Online raffle starting Friday 23rd September

Look out for more info on the Facebook page. The raffles run fortnightly and you can buy tickets using paypal and win many wonderful prizes. This weeks prize was a fantastic candle set

- **Uniform Sale every Tuesday @ 3pm.**

We all know how uniform seems to disappear and how quickly the children grow, so why not help save the planet and save pennies. Every Tuesday the rail will be out, and you can buy uniform for a suggested donation of £1, please pop this into the envelope on the side of the PTA shed (next to the big playground gates)

- **Coat Swap Tuesday -4/10/22 and Welly/Shoe swap 18/10 22 –**

Bring you have any wellies or shoes or coats that you would like to swap, bring it along on these days or give to your year reps or PTA and swap for something on the rail.

- **Disco 30th September**

Keystage 1 5.30-6.30pm Tickets will include, disco hire, squash drink and small bag of sweets (more sweets and drinks are available to buy.

Keystage 2 – 6.45- 8.00pm same as above. Letter to follow.

- **Friday 14th October 2022 @3.00-3.30 pm Woodies Cake sale**

Woodies parents get baking or bring a donation. Cake sale will take place outside of the school gates at the end of the school day.

- **PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION due on Tuesday 1st November**

This year we have decided to run a competition to choose the images that will be used in a calendar. The calendar will then be available to buy and given to loved ones for Christmas.

So, get your phones and cameras ready and email your entries in, by the 1st November.

We would like the children to take any photos to demonstrate how amazing our school is, the location of our school, the local area and the countryside we are lucky enough to be surrounded by. Look out for the poster with more info.

- **Jumble Sale 12th November 2022 @ 2pm – 4pm**

Having a clear out, we'll have it! Bring any unwanted toys, books, games, clothes and household items into the hall on Friday 11/11/22 by 5pm.

- **Bags for School collection- 15th November 2022**

Bags will be given out for you to fill with all your unwanted clothes (that you're not intending to donate to the Jumble Sale - the more we have, the more we make. More details will follow.

- **Cauliflower cards.**

Create Christmas cards, labels, wrapping paper or mugs or spiral bound books using your child's artwork. The pictures will be done in school and you need to return your forms and order online. More info to follow.

- **Christmas gift sale Monday 13th December in school time.**

An opportunity for children to buy gifts for loved ones.

- **Christmas film night 2nd December 22 @ 6.00 pm**

Why not enjoy a Christmas film with your school community. Wear your Christmas pyjamas and enjoy popcorn and a drink for £2.50. If you would like to buy a hotdog before hand they will be on sale (pre-ordered only) before the film from 5.30pm

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Year R – Fleur's mum, Sarah
Yr 1 – Willow's mum, Charlie
Yr 2 – Cohen's Mum, Gemma
Yr 3 – Sophia's mum, Vicki
Yr 4 -Ella's mum, Liz
Yr 5 – Chloe's mum, Lisa
Yr 6 – Steffan's mum, Kay

Don't forget to join your year group WhatsApp

Very good for last minute – 'Is it no school uniform day?' panics! If you are not on the group – speak to the office and they will pass your details onto the year group rep.

Amazon SMILE

For those who are organised and already started getting Christmas present, or those who do not know about amazon smile- please read on.

When you are shopping on amazon, log onto the amazon smile page and choose Kingston St Mary Primary School PTFA as your chosen charity and then you can shop until your heart is content and we will receive a small % of your order for doing absolutely nothing.

HAPPY SHOPPING

Online raffle

New to Kingston ST Mary fundraising, are hosting a fortnightly raffle!!! We have some fabulous prizes up for winning, so we really hope to get your support and raise lots of money. This new way of raffling will keep everyone safe in covid times. Every 2 weeks there will be a different prize with a set number of tickets, so you'll need to get in quick for your favourite things. All info will be uploaded to our Facebook page and payments can be made via PayPal. So hopefully it couldn't be simpler and opens up possibilities for wider friends and families to get involved, so please tell everyone you know and love. For those without access to the Facebook page look out for a poster with a picture of the latest prize and contact Terri Quinn or Vicki Thompkins to get tickets.

Raffle begins on 23rd September 2022

Facebook:

@KingstonStMaryPrimarySchoolPtfa

CHRISTMAS

This is usually a very busy and packed time of year for schools. As a PTFA, we host many events to try and raise funds. However, these events are only possible if we have help to organise.

Some of the events include: Christmas cards and personalise gifts, Nativity and carol service including raffles and guess the cake, online raffles, Christmas gift sale and Christmas film night.

We are using Cauliflower cards orders which will allow us to make commission based on the number of sales we make.

Christmas gift sale

We will also be running a parent's gift sale. For those who are new to the school, we ask parents to donate any unwanted gifts, gift sets or presents that they do not want. We then set up the stall and ask the children to bring in money, so they can buy gifts for their parents, grandparents or careers. The PTFA then wrap the presents and give them back to the children so they can surprise you with a gift on Christmas morning.

If you have any unwanted gifts, please leave with your year group rep.