



'CONNECTED'

KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together
BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS - Autumn 2019

THANK YOU...

The newest member of staff in our school is Mrs O'Leary. Mrs O'Leary is currently job sharing with Mrs Woodward in Owls class.

I graduated as a teacher in 2009 and have worked mainly in Early years and KS1. I have taught in schools in Oxford, Gran Canaria and Somerset. Since leaving secondary school I have always worked with children and whilst growing up I always wanted to become a teacher.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my Husband and 2 young children. I also enjoy playing netball and I play for a local team in Taunton. At the weekend I normally have a match to attend. I have 1 dog called Nacho who is a rescue dog from Gran Canaria.

I enjoy visiting new places and spent lots of my younger years travelling. I was lucky as I got to travel and work as a nanny in Australia.

My favourite time of year is Christmas and my favourite children's book is 'The Tiger who came to Tea'.

WHAT'S NEXT - KEY DIARY DATES

- Christmas card forms need to back in school ready to be sent off **Monday 18th November**
- Gift Sale **Tuesday 10th December**
- Key Stage 1 Nativity **Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December**
- **Tuesday 17th December** school trip to the railway children at the Brewhouse
- Key Stage 2 Carol Service **Thursday 19th December**



The children have designed their Christmas Cards and they look GREAT. Thank you those who have ordered and to Gemma Routley for sorting out the postage costs that some of you were charged wrongly. A great idea to give to family and friends and the artist is your child !! So you can still order but will be charged for postage from this point onwards. **Facebook:**

@KingstonStMaryPrimarySchoolPtfa

HEAD TEACHERS CORNER:-

It has been great to welcome new members to the PTFA Committee this year, thank you to everyone who has signed up to this. It is important to remember that all KSM parents can be part of the PTFA fundraising machine through offering to help at events, donating items for events or attending and spending at events. This was evident at the very successful Jumble Sale with lots of parents donating and volunteering to help. There was a real buzz in the hall as parents were sorting through the bags and boxes of donations. This term is a particularly busy one and the more parents that can help the better; all of your children benefit from the money raised, please help if you can. We are looking forward to the theatre trip which is being part funded by PTFA funds. Get in touch with your class reps if you want to know more about how you can get involved.

Thank you for your support of our school.

It's Nearly here - CHRISTMAS !!!

Gift sale – the PTA are asking for donations of unwanted gift sets or suitable gifts for the adults.

Donations can be left in the box by the PTA shed. Then on **Tuesday 10th December** the children can bring in money to buy gifts for their parents. They will be wrapped so the children can hide them ready for Christmas. **The gifts will be £1 or £2 each**

Cinema Afternoon - Thursday 5th December

Woodpeckers are holding a cinema afternoon after school on the 5th December. A form is attached with all the information on. Please return the form in a named envelope with the money if you would like your child to attend.

Key Stage 1 Nativity - Refreshments will be available any contributions gratefully received. We will be holding a raffle this year so if you work for a company or have a business and are happy to donate a prize please speak to one of the PTA contacts. The more prizes we can get will enable us to make more money towards our target.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service - Thursday 19th December at 6.30-7.30.

We will be serving mince pies and mulled wine so please join in and support the children celebrate Christmas

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

We are very pleased that we still have some parents happy to be representatives for their child's year group. As Lin Bewes 3 year, she would appreciate it if someone else would take over, so please speak to her.

Yr R – Harry's mum, Lin

Yr 1 – Ella's mum, Liz

Yr 2 – Chloe's mum, Lisa

Yr 3 – Steffan's mum, Kay

Yr 4 – Archie's mum, Lin

Yr 5 – Freya's mum, Gemma

Yr 6 – Rosie-Mai's mum, Lin

It's voluntary and flexible but designed to help:

- provide a social contact group for parents.
- channel ideas for specific class fundraising.
- support/help with parental logistics (e.g. lifts to sports fixtures).
- connects parents and class teachers (NOT for educational/behavioural/personal issues).

****Get to know your class rep and share any ideas****

THE GIVING MACHINE

Would you like to make cash donations without it costing you a penny? This is a very worthwhile fundraiser, the school receives over £100.00 per year, but it could be so much more if everyone or nearly everyone was using it. There are over 2000 shops involved in this scheme including M&S, Flybe, B& Q, Sainsburys, Asda, Argos, Amazon, Entertainer, eBay and The Trainline to name a few. For every purchase you make online, from one of these retailers through the giving machine, a percentage will be donated to our school at no extra cost.

Everyone can help in some way !!

If time is something you haven't got then maybe you have a contact that could help

Do You know anybody, who would be able to donate prizes to us, to use as a school throughout the year ?



Please talk to anybody you know who may be able to donate a voucher, picture, gift, hamper or prize. This can then be used at events we will be holding

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Thank you to everyone's efforts so far this term. We have had a successful start to the year.

The first social of the year : £37.21

Woodies Cake sale :£ 65.00

The Jumble Sale: £ 842.00

Bags for school: £ 160.00

Christmas cards (so far) £131.00Af

This will go towards our target of raising £4000.00 this year. As a committee we agreed to fund the school £3000 towards the daily resources needed. We also fund the licence for TT Rock Stars ,Magazine subscription, money towards trips and the Christmas tree.to name but a few.

SAY WHAT!!

Look Out !!!

Take care as you are walking around school, particularly on the grass areas and in the leaves. THERE IS A LOT OF DOGS MESS !!! If you are dog walker, Please pick up your poo – children are playing and walking here !!!

ALDI stickers

We are now collecting these stickers which will help us buy new sports kits for school. So when you do your shopping please collect the stickers and take them into the office.

Where's me jumper?

How annoying, you buy a new school uniform for your child and - 10 minutes later – it's too small! So why not bag a bargain - you can buy decent used school uniform through the PTFA. Grab a PTFA contact in the playground if you're interested

DO YOU.....

- Like having a natter with other mums and dads?
- Have particular skills you could share?
- Have a bit of spare time here and there?
- Want to be more involved with your child's school?
- Have lots of good ideas but no time?
- work for a company or have a company who could offer raffle prizes ?

WHY NOT VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

Join in as a one-off, for a specific event or just when you can – no long term commitment required, just a friendly helping hand, and ideally a smile! Just grab a **Year Group Rep** or **PTFA** contact in the playground and have a chat and a cuppa.

OTHER PTFA/PARENT CONTACTS:

Shantel (Jake's Mum) Louise (Anna's Mum)
Sam (Emily's Mum) Suzanne (Eleanor's Mum)
Nicola (Tom's Mum) Sera (Finley's Mum)
Polly (Tilly's Mum)