



'CONNECTED'

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

IT has been so long since we have sent out our connected newsletter. It is great to be able to write this again and see so many faces, old and new.

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.

Linda Bewes - Chair person. Linda has Archie, Gracie and Harry in Woodies and Buzzards.

Terri Quinn - Treasurer. Terri has Harry and Noah in Woodies and Robins.

Shantel Ewing - Secretary. Shantel has Jake also in Buzzards.

These officers are here to facilitate the fundraising that we do 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 no fundraising has taken place for nearly 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...

- **Thursday 21st October 2021 @ 8 pm**
Zoom meeting for new members and to make an action plan for the following year.
 Email: lindajones100@aol.com if you're interested in joining us.
- **Friday 5th November 2021 @3.00-3.30 pm**
Bonfire Cake sale outside of the school gates.
- **Bags for School collection- 8th November**
 Bags will be given out for you to fill with all your unwanted clothes, so have a good sort out over $\frac{1}{2}$ term. As 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. Forms need to be back in school by 18th October.
- **Non-uniform and break the rules day.**
 Break the rules Thursday 16th December (more info to follow)
- **Christmas Gift Sale Monday 13th December in school time.**
 An opportunity for children to buy gifts for loved ones.
- **Online Raffle starting Friday 12th November.**
 Look out for more info on the Facebook page.

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

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

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, at this moment with COVID cases still rising we are making last minute decisions, so we can continue to raise funds in the safest manner for us all. So please watch this space for more information. We are using Cauliflower cards orders which will allow us to make commission based on the number of sales we make.

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 it onto the year group rep.

Online raffle

New to Kingston St Mary fundraising, we 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.

Facebook: @KingstonStMaryPrimarySchoolPtfa

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 carers. 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.

Amazon SMILE

For those who are organised and already started getting Christmas presents, 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