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KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together

BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS - ISSUE 11 - February 2024

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all parents, carers, and members of our school community, both old and new. We have a lot of exciting activities and fundraisers planned for the Spring and Summer terms, and we hope as many of you as possible can participate and help us support our wonderful village school.

The PTA events that took place during the winter term were a huge success! All the proceeds from these events will go towards the everyday items the PTA funds for each class and the future purchase of outdoor furniture for the Quiet Area. The PTA also provided funding for the visit to the Christmas pantomime, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to Ms Greenslade for organizing such a brilliant trip for the children!

- **Jumble Sale**
The most profitable jumble sale for a while, a whopping £758 was raised! Bags to school raised £215. Thanks to all the parents and carers who gave up their time to help.
- **Cauliflower cards.**
The Cauliflower cards raised £153.50, great effort, thanks to everyone who purchased and to Gemma for organising.
- **The Christmas Film night**
The children LOVED the film night, especially the popcorn! Thank you to all the brave parents that survived the evening. The film night raised £197.12.
- **KS1 Nativity & KS2 Carol Concert**
What wonderful performances they were! The sale of refreshments raised a fruitful £108.48. Well done everyone.
- **Raffles**
We have a lot of brilliant prizes up for grabs and the raffles have raised £178.00 so far! Thank you to all the generous business for sharing these and well done to all the parents that bought tickets. The raffles will be up and running again soon!
- **Scavenger Hunt**
The scavenger hunt was lots of fun and it was great to see so many people getting involved and being creative with their findings! The scavenger hunt and the end-of-term cake sale raised £99.16. Well done to all who took part, and thanks to Vicki and Paula for organising it.

WHATS COMING UP..

- **Uniform Sale every Tuesday**
Why not help save the planet and save the pennies by recycling school uniform. Every Tuesday the 'shed' (next to the big playground gates) will be open where you can buy uniform for a suggested donation of £1, which can be collected at the office.
- **Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday 28th March**
Following last years success, the school easter egg hunt will be held on the last day of term. This will follow the Easter Hat parade and there will be refreshments and games stalls run by the PTA. Easter Egg hunt tickets will be on sale on the run up to this, details to follow!
- **Jumble Sale - May 18th (date TBC)**
Having a clear out, we'll have it! Bring any unwanted toys, books, games, clothes and household items. **This will be followed by a bags for school collection.**
- **Maypole Dancing 22nd May - Ice Cream Sale**
The perfect accompaniment to watch the maypole dancing on a hot summers day.. (fingers crossed!)
- **Glow Disco 13th June (date TBC)**
The glowtastic glow disco will be back in June for another round of fun! Details to follow.
- **Sports Day & Summer Fete 28th June from 1:30pm**
The school sports day will include refreshments, stalls and games run by the PTA. Details in the making!
- **Break the Rules Day! (date TBC)**
Why not Break the Rules for the day! There will be a list of rules to break, with donations made for each rule broken. Details to follow.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in fundraising, ensuring Lin's motto continues as *'we are all a part of the Kingston St Mary PTFA'*! It's true, the more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be. This does not mean endless meetings, events and lots of time, you can be involved as much or as little as you wish.

We are always eager to hear about fundraising ideas or you may have skills, or expertise in areas that would help us to achieve our aim of raising funds. We are all ears and open to ideas!

Our new online survey form makes this super simple, click on the form and let us know your ideas:

<https://forms.gle/McvToZXFRHmR2Fq98>

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Year R - Robin mum, Shelly
Yr 1 - Fleur and Rosie's mum, Sarah B
Yr 2 - Edith's mum Abi U
Yr 3 - Cohen's mum, Gemma
Yr 4 - Sophia's mum, Vicki
Yr 5 - Ella's mum, Liz
Yr 6 - Chloe's mum, Lisa

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.

PTA FUNDRAISING

The PTA plays a significant role in enhancing the quality of education for our children by providing financial support for various school activities. In addition to funding school activities, the PTA also contributes to the purchase of necessary classroom materials and supplies that benefit students on a daily basis.

IT EQUIPMENT - the school will be ordering new equipment soon, a complete set of new tablets and chrome books! This is a direct result of all the efforts from the PTA fundraising. We look forward to sharing pictures of the children enjoying and benefiting from the new equipment.

Please watch our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Facebook: @KingstonStMaryPrimarySchoolPtfa

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Next meeting TBC - via Teams.

Thank you for all your support and contribution!