



Dear all

Welcome to the first edition of our new PTA newsletter, which provides updates on recent as well as forthcoming events all designed to raise vital funds to support the work of the school.

There are lots of exciting things coming up before Christmas and there are many opportunities to get involved and support the school.

Ahead of Christmas, we also wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your help this past year.

Happy reading.

Regards,

Your PTA

Recent Events

Church Fete: We had a successful day at the fete with our 'Water to Wine' game and raised £71.

Christmas Card Project: Our annual 'Design a Christmas Card' has proved successful yet again, and has also raised funds for the school.

Christmas Competition: We have provided the craft materials for the competition which takes place during November and December. First and runners-up prizes will be awarded in each year group.

Forthcoming Fundraising and Events

Wheaton Aston Christmas Lights Switch On (4pm-6pm on 28th November): Our successful 'Water to Wine' stall will be making one final appearance this year at the Christmas Lights Switch On along with a Tombola, Lucky Dip and the sale of Reindeer Food. Please come and support us!

Blymhill Christmas Event (2pm-4pm on 28th November): For anyone who lives in Blymhill or has friends and family there, please encourage them to support our 'Water to Wine' stall at this event.

Celebration Day & Disco (17th December): There are lots of exciting activities planned for the Celebration Day including a visit from a special guest, 'Ho Ho Ho'. The day will then be rounded off with the



Upcoming Events

28th November

WA Christmas Lights Switch On
Blymhill Christmas Event

17th December

Celebration Day & Disco

18th December

Songs by Candlelight

27th December

WA 10k Run

Announcements

Donations Required: Can you help with a donation of a wine for our 'Water to Wine' game? Please leave donations at school reception or a give to a member of PTA committee.

Thank You: We like to thank those local businesses and organisations who, so far in this academic year, are supporting the PTA with donations; Weston Park, Jungleland, Wonderland, Café India, Momtaj Spice, Ocado, Asda Donnington and Newport & District Running Club.

We would also like to thank those who have donated wine for the 'Water to Wine' stalls at the Church Fete and forthcoming Christmas events.

popular Christmas Disco, starting at 3:30pm and at a cost of £2. Full details and a consent form will be published in the school newsletter closer to the event.

Christmas Raffle: We are running our popular Christmas Raffle with prizes including hampers and family days out to local attractions. Tickets will be on sale at class assemblies, Christmas productions or by pre-booking tickets, full details will be issued shortly in the school newsletter. Don't miss out - buy your raffle tickets today!

Songs by Candlelight (18th December): As a special treat for the grown-ups mulled wine will be served for a small donation and the Christmas Raffle will also be drawn at this event.

Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for the school simply by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. Say you want to buy something from Amazon. Instead of going straight to the Amazon website, you first go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). From the easyfundraising website, click through to Amazon to make your purchase. This tells Amazon you came from easyfundraising. The price of the item you're buying is exactly the same. After you buy your item, Amazon will give a cash reward to your chosen good cause.

Simply register at:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmarysfirstwheaton/>

and download the app of course. So many people shop online nowadays so this is a really simple way of raising funds for school and doesn't cost you a penny!

Regular Fundraising

200 Club: All you have to do to be in with a chance to win a monthly prize is to purchase a number for £2 per month; 1st prize is £30 and 2nd prize is £10.

Your PTA

If you would like to receive further information from the PTA please send us your email details to:

PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk

Please feel free to come to a meeting. Your thoughts, opinions and ideas all count! There are various ways that you can help, depending on the time you can spare. We provide refreshments at all class assemblies, take the opportunity to come and talk to us.

PTA Committee: Mary Bawn, Steph Broom, Kelly Cambidge, Donna Evans, Katie Evans, Sarah Hall, Lizzie Hammond, Karen Jackson, Helen Roberts, Di Rowlands & Sally Trow

In the Community

Wheaton Aston 10k Run and Kids Fun Run (27th December)

This ever popular event returns to the school again just after Christmas.

Subject to the weather conditions a kid's fun run will be taking place at 10:30am. Registration is the actual day and there is a small entrance fee.

The 10k Run, which starts at 11am, always attracts in excess of 600 runners.

Visit Newport and District Running Club website for further details.

Newport and District Running Club gives the school and PTA a donation in thanks for the use of the school premises.

The club are looking for support to marshal the event on the day. If you can assist please contact Ian Vann on 07770 722940 or email him at

camper.vann@btinternet.com

Please come and show your support for the runners on the day - you might spot a few familiar faces running by from the school!