



Dear All

Welcome to the second edition of our new PTA newsletter.

We have planned a number of new and exciting events for 2016, which started with our first Social Evening 'A Taste Of India'.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued help, support and donations, it is very much appreciated.

Happy reading.

Warm Regards,
Your PTA

Christmas Season

Christmas gifts this year were books to further support the schools focus on the importance of reading. These were given out by a special visitor on his beautifully revamped sleigh. I hope those of you that bought our Reindeer Food created special memories as you sprinkled it with excited children on Christmas Eve.

Our after school Christmas Disco was well attended and enjoyed by all and we again purchased ice creams for everyone that went to the whole school pantomime.

We raised £350 on our Christmas Raffle and our annual stall at the Christmas Light Switch On was well supported despite the horrendous weather. Thanks to all those who braved the downpour to support us we raised £100.

Recent Events

Valentines Disco: In the theme of this event children appeared to love this one too with lots of dancing, games and prizes.

'A Taste of India': The first of our new events aimed at creating a fabulous community spirit with all stakeholders of the school. Great feedback has been received from the evening which with your support raised c£400.

Forthcoming Fundraising and Events

Easter Egg Bingo: On Friday 18th March we are holding a family fun Bingo evening. The evening will run from 6-8pm in the school hall and refreshments will be available. We really wish for this to be a success, so please do support us.



Upcoming Events

18th March

Easter Egg Bingo

29th April

Fashion Evening

16th June

Bag2School

20th July

Leavers Disco

Announcements

Donations Required: Can you help with a donation of a cake(s) or Easter Egg for our Easter Egg Bingo evening? Please leave donations at school reception or a give to a member of PTA committee.

Thank You:

Thanks to everyone that came and supported our recent Social Evening 'A Taste of India' and to everyone that donated raffle prizes ~ a lot of you don't have direct links to the school making this support even more appreciated.

Thank you to Café India for their tremendous support, generosity & time helping to host the evening.

Wheaton Aston Spar have recently sold raffle tickets for a hamper with the profits being donated to St Mary's. Thank you to Spar for supporting the PTA and all those who purchased tickets. The winner was Claire Leavy.

Ladies Fashion Evening: On Friday 29th April, outside company shop2drop will be hosting a fashion show where you will have the opportunity to view, try on and purchase clothes from well-known high street stores, e.g. Next, New Look, Wallis, Top Shop, M&S, Debenhams, at a discounted price (up to 75%). Advance tickets only at a cost of £5 which includes a glass of fizz. The event is open to the whole community and tickets are on sale now. You can get your tickets by completing the slip in the school newsletter, speaking to a member of the PTA, calling Kelly on 07813 856164 or Di on 07817 360831 or by emailing PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk

Leavers Disco: This has been booked for Wednesday 20th July 6pm-7:30pm.

Very Busy But Still Want to Help?

Bag2School: If you are having that spring clear out, bag2school is a fabulous way for the PTA to raise funds and saves you a trip to the charity shop. Our next collection is booked for Thursday 16th June.

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. 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!

200 Club: This is our own school lottery. With a monthly fee of £2.00 (paid by cash, cheque or standing order either half yearly or annually), you will be given a unique number that gets entered into a monthly prize draw. If your number is drawn out, you will be the winner of either a first prize of £30 or second prize of £10! - which is tax free for you to spend on whatever you want! Just one first prize win would cover your payments for more than a year and you could be lucky enough to win more than once. Please collect an application form from school reception or email PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk

What has the PTA Recently Funded?

Wi-Fi has recently been installed within the school with the PTA donating £1,000 towards the cost.

With the focus being on reading, the PTA have committed just over £1,000 to purchasing some new materials for pupils in Year 3 and 4. The cost of books is substantial, and this will only buy a starter set. Therefore, the more we raise, the more we can support updating the reading material throughout the school.

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, our next one is Thursday 14th April 3:15pm in school.

All funds raised by the PTA benefit your children; we financially support a number of initiatives within the school and are always thinking of new ways that we can raise funds so your thoughts & 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, please use this opportunity to come and talk to us.