



Dear All

Welcome to our final PTA newsletter of this academic year.

We have introduced a number of new and exciting events this year which have all proved very successful. We would like to thank each and every one of you that have supported us with these new events.

We hope you can continue to help and support us over the coming years.

Happy reading.

Warm Regards,
Your PTA



Upcoming Events

16th June

Bag2School

1st July

Sports Day

20th July

Leavers Lunch and Leavers Disco

7th September

Tea & Tissues

What Have We Been Doing This Term?

We ran our regular Easter Competition for the children this year, they decorated egg cups, wooden bunnies and Easter baskets. These were judged by Rev Dale, all winners received an Easter egg and all pupils received a cream egg.



Specsavers in Stafford have very **kindly** donated 90 new Hi Vis jackets to the school; these are used for walking to Church and on other educational activities around the village.

Recent Events



Easter Egg Bingo: On Friday 18th March we hosted a family fun Bingo evening with our resident bingo caller Mr. Jon Thorne. The evening was a great success and feedback from everyone has been very positive. We hope to be running and building on this event on an annual basis.

Ladies Fashion Evening: We recently held our first Ladies only event. With lots of bargains to be had it was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Forthcoming Fundraising and Events

Sports Day: Friday 1st July (weather permitting). We will be providing all pupils with an ice-cream/lolly during the afternoon. This year as well as selling refreshments we will be running a raffle.

Donations

We would be grateful of any donations of raffle prizes for our sports day raffle.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone that came and supported our recent social events and to everyone that donated raffle prizes ~ a lot of you don't have direct links to the school making your support even more appreciated.

Ideas

Do you have any ideas for fun fundraising activities for all the family? If so, we'd love to hear them.

We are starting to look at planning events for the autumn and welcome any ideas you have for having fun whilst also raising valuable funds to contribute towards enhancing your child's experiences / memories and education during their time at St. Mary's.

Leavers Lunch: On Wednesday 20th July all Y4 pupils are invited to have a school lunch paid for by the PTA. Further details will be in the school newsletter closer to the date.

Leavers Disco: All pupils have the opportunity to attend our end of term disco, which will be on Wednesday 20th July from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. More details and the consent forms will be sent out towards the end of June with the school newsletter.

Tea & Tissues: Parents & Grandparents of children starting in Reception in September 2016 are invited to refreshments in the school hall from 8:55am on the first morning their child starts school (2016 autumn term starts on Wednesday 7th September 2016). It's an opportunity to meet the PTA and other parents whose children have also started school.

Very Busy But Still Want to Help?

Bag2School: Bags have recently been issued for our next collection on Thursday 16th June. Bag2School is an easy way for you to support us in raising funds and saves you a trip to the charity shop. There are more bags in our PTA folder by the school office.

Empties Please: An ink cartridge recycling scheme which pays us for used cartridges and toners, which runs through the year. There is a collection box just inside the main school entrance. Unfortunately the company are unable to recycle Epson, Brother, Kodak and some HP cartridges, however if you are unsure please place in the box and we'll sort them.

Easy Fundraising: Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money simply by shopping online, there is no catch. Our supporters have raised £170 in the last 12 months without it costing them a penny.

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.

The first step is to register as a supporter, which is a quick and simple process: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmarysfirstwheaton/> and then start shopping.

200 Club: This is our own school lottery. With a monthly fee of £2.00, you will be given a unique number that gets entered into a monthly prize draw giving you a chance to win first prize of £30 or second prize of £10!

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. Application forms are in the PTA folder in the school reception or email us PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk

What has the PTA Recently Funded?

In recognition of the Queen's 90th Birthday, every pupil received a commemorative coin purchased by the PTA.

PTA AGM

Our next AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 5:30pm in the school. All parents and guardians are invited and welcome to attend.

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 on evening of Wednesday 22nd June. If you wish to attend please speak to a member of the PTA (details on school notice board) or email us and we can confirm the venue closer to the date.

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.