

PTFA Newsbite Summer 2016



Note from the PTFA

Welcome to our second St Mary's PTFA newsletter. This year seems to have flown by and with only days to go until we break up for the summer holiday, we thought we would give you a update on what we have raised since September 2015 and where the funds have been spent.

Most importantly we would like to say a huge big thank you to everyone for their help throughout the year. Whether it be manning a stall, baking cakes, selling cakes, ice lollies or raffle tickets, donating toys, making the PTFA's brand spanking new raffle drum, or just bringing along friends and family to our events we whole heartedly appreciate your support and hope that you will continue your efforts next year (and put up with our begging messages too?!).

We also want to thank the school for donating a lovely, big shed to the PTFA – finally we have storage so if at any point during the year you come across good quality items that you think we could use, sell or barter then please bring them in and we can put them in our new storage facility ready for the next fundraising effort

Our principal aim is to raise as much money as possible to buy equipment for the children (whilst having fun of course!). Our main ongoing fundraising effort is to help set up and fund our very own Forest School on site. This is an inspirational concept which will give all of



our children fantastic opportunities to develop a range of practical skills such as den building, tool handling, learning about and enjoying the great outdoors – the exciting news is that this is slowly taking shape. In October we have a team of Halifax employees coming in to dig a pond and as you will have seen from the last communication, St Mary's are holding a Grounds Working Party on 1st October – they are asking parents and friends to come and help move the wood chippings from one of the wildlife areas, cut low lying branches, remove nettles and split and replant some of the fast growing shrubs.

Along with this practical help we have set ourselves a £5,000 target so that we can buy fencing, pond development, forest school storage and other equipment. This is a whopping amount for our little school to raise but when you see the amazing amount we raised this year you will see that this is not insurmountable.

UPCOMING EVENTS



PTFA COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, 11th

October 2016 at 7pm All parents are automatically members of the PTFA and are welcome to help contribute ideas and shape future events. We will be continuing discussions at the pub afterwards!



CAKE SALE TBA

Cake Sales seem to have somewhat lapsed in the latter part of this year. Let's sort this out for next year as we have some fab cake makers in our school!



SCHOOL BIRTHDAY

22nd September 1.30-3.15

Plans are still being finalised but please put the date in your diaries for an afternoon of fun to celebrate the school's 4th birthday. If you are unable to attend, don't worry. Your children will join in with the exciting activities and have lots of fun!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING A Friday TBA in

November 2016 7-9pm

Again, plans are still in the making but please pencil in this date for a fundraising shopping event in the school hall with mulled wine, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gifts to help you get your shopping done early this year?!!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TBA December 2016

Another date for your diary (when we have sorted the date!) where children can wear their party clothes and have fun without you!! Watch this space!

Drum roll....

I hope you will all agree that the Summer Fair was lots of fun? With the help of parents, friends, the local community, some amazing raffle prizes and some brilliant local businesses we made an amazing £2,299.00 profit and the children had a ball! This trounced the excellent Spring Fair profit of £1,554.00 and along with over £500 at the Curry and Quiz Night, £155 at the Hampton Village Fair tombola stall, £278 from Cake and Ice Lolly Sales and £137 from school printing we have made an astonishing £4,927.35 this school year!!



Well done Miss Apicella for being a good sport in the stocks!



Another big thank you to Mrs Parker and Jo Jalszynski who gave up their time to teach some of our mums the much sought after art of face painting. Thanks to the extra help we made a brilliant £155 on the facepainting stall at the Summer Fair



And here is what we funded this year...

● **£1,500** has been given to school, to help with the cost of **resurfacing the tennis courts** over the summer holidays. This will allow children to use this area on a daily basis for netball, tennis, basketball and 5 a side football to name but a few and will be an incredible addition to the school's playground.

● We also funded **£750 of gardening equipment** which will be used for Forest School but is already being used in the enrichment Friday programmes.

● The PTFA donated **£1000 to the**

school library. We have promised to try to make this a yearly contribution on top of what comes from school funding and Scholastic. This is to ensure that our children have the best possible books, CDs, apps and software available to help with their learning experiences.

● With your support, we were able to fund the in-school **performance of Aladdin at Christmas** along with funding the **coach transport** for all children in Year 1 and 2 to the Richmond Music Trust Festival in April and Reception Class outing to Bocketts Farm in June.

● PTFA funding also paid for the commemorative **Queen's 90th birthday book** which we hope the children will look back on fondly in the future.

● We paid for the school's yearly subscription to the **Hounslow Minibus Service** which allows access to minibuses for all school trips and outings



and 12 weeks of swimming lessons for Year 3 at a reduced rate.

● Lastly, we have agreed to fund and create **Wet Weather Treasure Chests** for all four classes next year. These will contain age appropriate board games, indoor craft activities, dressing up items and games which can be played with when it is too wet to play outside. If anyone has any links to suppliers who could help source any of these items please the PTFA know.



Scarecrows...

A huge thank you also goes to all those who helped with the making of the scarecrows: Mr Peti, Poppy Sheikh, Lizzy Leicester, Ewelina Detlaf-Popeda, Richard Tattam, Tina Peti, Lana Fowles, Dean Robinson (who helped transport the scarecrow to and from Hampton Court), all the people who donated and of course all the children.

I think we will all agree the children really enjoyed helping to make them and we did too!

Thanks Ruth, Sharon and Juliette x



At the summer fair a competition was held to name the scarecrow man and woman and guess the name of Ginger's brother. The winning name for the woman was: **Moonlight** chosen by Elizabeth and Rianna.

The winning name for the man was: **Sprout** chosen by Theo Wait.

(there is a free ice lolly after school tomorrow for the winners)

Sadly no one managed to guess Ginger's brother who is called: **Rufus**

OTHER NEWS

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for St Mary's Hampton Primary School PTFA?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1 Join

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryshamptonpsptfa/> and sign up for free.

2 Shop

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3 Raise

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mary's Hampton Primary School PTFA will be really grateful for your donations.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the companies and individuals who supported our fundraising efforts this year:

Asters The Florist
Bioskin
Bocketts Farm
Boden
Boots
Cakebox
Cavan Bakery
Click Studio
Craft & Crumb
Crafty Tales
Curves
David Lloyd
Dell
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Doris & Fred
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Eva's Flowers
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Football Club

Hampton Beds
Hampton Outdoor Pool
Hampton Wine
Happy Potter
HeathrowGymnastics
Homebase
Hounslow Urban Farm
I'd Rather Be Eating
Chocolate
Kempton Park
Kidabulous
Kingston Rose
Theatre
Little Gym
LookOut Discovery
Memory Gate
Nat Collins
Natures Medicine
Park Lane Stables
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Robsons
Sainsbury's
Salcura
Sandown Park Golf
Course
School Days
Shaun's Butcher
SMSkidzclub
Snakes and Ladders
Sports England
Squires Garden Centre
Sunshine Play Café
Sweet Café
Taste Café
Tennis England
Tesco
The Bell Inn
The Book People
Tyler's Mum's Salon
White Spider Climbing

THANK YOU

for your support this year. Have a great summer holiday and we look forward to making next year as big a success for the school!