

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Registered Charity no. 1178382

By Lisa Mainwaring

A warm, friendly hello from the newly formed PTFA. We wanted to tell you about what's coming up, about the money we've raised so far and, more importantly, how it's being used to improve our children's experience at St Mary's Infant & Junior School.

The new PTFA team has been going strong for over three months. We're still finding our feet, but the good news - we've all been busy planning some fun events for you!

What we've raised so far:

- Cash from cake sales before Christmas 2022: £363
- Valentine's Day 2023: £551
- Mother's Day 2023, tote bag: £101
- Easter Egg Hunt 2023: £180
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It's about unity & fun too!

Our events aren't just about fundraising for the school. They are also about providing a fun, social experience for the children, their parents /carers and teachers. To us it's about unity and bringing everyone together.

MAY 2023



*Easter Bunny with Ayisha,
the new PTFA Chair*



How the money raised is used:

Every year the PTFA commits to over **£4,000** of regular funding. Going forwards this will be things like new books for classrooms; funding the Year 6 leavers' party; subsidising the transport for school trips and visits; theatre groups at School; contributions towards residential trips; providing funds to teachers for them to choose classroom resources; ice lollies at Sports Day; the Christmas Tree in December and so on.

In addition to our regular funding, this year, we have also committed to funding **£6,000 towards** the revamped playground, forest school areas, sandpit and sensory gardens to encourage and enable outdoor learning.



Upcoming Events:

King's Coronation Fayre – Saturday 13th May 12-3 pm

A hugely fun day for all the family, with live music, lots of prizes to be won, and a delicious BBQ! They'll also be a bouncy castle and lots of games and activities. This is our main summer event and an excellent opportunity to raise money for valuable resources for the school and have fun.

We always need volunteers to help at events, even if it's only for a little while.

There is no minimum amount of involvement, and everybody is very welcome. Speak to your class rep about how you can help!



How you can join in..

- We'd love to hear any ideas or feedback you might have for us.
- Contact us through Classlist, find us in the playground, or come to a meeting!
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And how you can help out...

Easyfundraising (click for direct link)

This works in the same way as cashback sites like Topcashback and Quidco. You sign up with Easyfunding via the link below and then every time you shop through places like Gap, The Works, John Lewis etc a cashback donation will be given to the PTFA at no extra cost to you! You shop. St Mary's Hampton Primary School PTFA gets money. For free!

Your School Lottery click for direct link)

Your school Lottery is a weekly draw where one lucky ticket holder can win each week - draws are Saturday evenings. In addition to this, your tickets are also entered into a national draw where someone can win £25K! Not only can you win these prizes but the school gets a donation with every ticket purchased.

Simply go to Your School Lottery to purchase your tickets, the more tickets that are purchased the more our weekly winner will receive. So get your granny/grandpa, aunts/uncles, neighbours/friends, and family to sign up.



Thank- you from the Chair - Ayisha Hitchcock

We just wanted to personally thank everyone who has donated their time, skills, resources and energy to making all the PTFA events and activities happen so far this academic year.

A special thank you to the following people who consistently give up their time to help the school: *Astrid Montgomery, Elizabeth Kearns, Emilie Holden, Fiona Griffin, Helen Neilan, Hayley Geering, Jenny McGowan, Jenny Yiend, Lisa Davidson, Louise Aldrich, Milena Tsekova, Nicola Robinson, Alex Elewood, Rachel Wolfson, Ruth McCann, Rosie-Gordon Smith, Victoria Shchamialova, Victoria Stocks, Vicky Botterill, Liz Spencer and Emma Smith.*

Also, all the past and present PTFA committee members including: *Heather Suarez, Laura Court, Lisa Mainwaring, Lucy Murphy, Liz Weiss and Kirsty Urquhart-Davies.*

Next Meeting:

- PTFA Annual General Meeting
- **Wednesday 14th June - In the School Hall, 8- 9.30pm**
- Refreshments will be provided

Meet the PTFA Committee:

- **Chair:** Ayisha Hitchcock
- **Vice-Chair:** Laura Court
- **Secretary:** Lisa Mainwaring & Heather Orihuela Suarez
- **Treasurer:** Liz Weiss



WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER TERM!