

# St Mary's Schools PTA

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**Your PTA has had a busy January and our calendar for 2019 is looking nice and full... we even have something in the diary for January 2020 - we are thinking BIG!**

**If you want to get involved in helping us deliver some of the events for the benefit of everyone at our schools, then please message me. Any time you can give us would be AMAZING!**

So, I promised you an update on how we are spending the money you have generously been donating - the visiting panto next week at Infants is just one example of how your money is positively enhancing their school experience.

So is she in the pub with the rest of the profits?? - NO! I am absolutely delighted to announce that the money raised from our Autumn fundraising is going to purchase our very own defibrillator. It did feel little peculiar writing a proposal for a piece of kit that you hope you never need to use, but did you know that we have a significant number of children with heart conditions? Yes, you might think every school should have a defib, but the funding is just not available; the reality is that it is up to us to make this happen. And now, should the very worst happen to someone on our site (a child, staff member or parent even) then we will now have the means of ensuring they have the very best chance at survival.

Please read on to see how you can help us raise "free" money by shopping (slightly) differently on the internet. I want to hear from you too, so there will be some surveys coming out soon - if you tell me what you want, then I have a fighting chance at delivering it!

I hope to see you all next week at Bingo! Thank you, **Emma x**



## Dates For Your Dairy

### February 1

"200 Club" Draw – congrats to **Lisa Morris** - our first winner

### February 1

"Banish the Winter Blues" – wear your brightest home clothes to school for £1

### February 7

Visiting Panto for the children (Paid for by your PTA)

### February 7

Bingo Night – 7pm @ Infants

### February 15

Book sale – 3.15pm @ Juniors



## Some exciting updates for you now:

### **SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR & FIRST AID TRAINING**

Our defib unit will be arriving very soon and we are going to be rolling out some First Aid training for parents and staff as soon as we take delivery. I'll keep you posted.

### **EASYFUNDRAISING EXPLAINED**

What if I told you that you could raise money for our schools while making online purchases, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU??

Excited? I know I am; it's such an easy win! Download the free app or go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and set yourself up a profile supporting St Mary's Schools PTA Baldock. From then on, whenever you make an online purchase by going through easyfundraising (which then redirects you to online store you want) they will pay us a % of your total basket spend. All my favourite shops are on there – and there are over 3000 stores available.

To give you a couple of examples: I booked our family holiday with a well-known tour operator last year; if I'd clicked on easyfundraising first, the PTA would have received £75 back. I also admit to having spent (quite) a lot online in the Boxing Day sales, and had I been supporting the school through easyfundraising then a further £5.40 would have come back us.

You get my point – Please get downloading and start earning us this “free money” to spend on our schools!

### **RED NOSE DAY – 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

We have generously been donated a large number of Comic Relief Red Noses and Deeley Boppers from our local Tesco. I am delighted to say we will be able to offer these to you at a reduced price. We will be selling in the playgrounds on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – come and grab a bargain.

**There's plenty more to come, WATCH THIS SPACE!**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7pm for 7.30pm start @ The Orange Tree, Baldock**

We have an area reserved – come and find us!



## January 2019 Roundup

### **“Meet & Greet” Sessions**

Thank you to everyone who made the time to come and hear my sales pitch! It was lovely to meet you all and I am looking forward to working with you!

### **“200 Club” Lottery**

We have had a great uptake – the monthly prize stands at £71 for a lucky winner in February, March, April, May & June. GOOD LUCK!

### **Jumper Jumble Donations**

Thank you very much for all the donations of Christmas wear. We now have lots of lovely things packed away ready for Christmas 2019. We'll be asking for donations again in the Autumn term so if you missed us this time or maybe you had already packed everything away before term started, you can get your jumpers to us then.