St Mary's Schools PTA

Your PTA has lots of exciting new plans for 2019 and we want to keep you informed about what's going on in our fundraising calendar and how you can get involved.

Thank you for all of your support so far and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW PTA CHAIR – EMMA ROWE

Welcome to my first PTA newsletter! When I walked into my first PTA meeting in October, I didn't know that I would be stepping into this role within 6 weeks. My son started in Starlight in September and I had ideas of getting involved in some baking perhaps…not leading the team and launching this newsletter!

But – make no mistake about it - I am THRILLED to be taking it on and working with you all. My background is in sales and I'm hoping to bring some of those money-making skills to the PTA table. I am 100% committed to working with the fantastic team already in place; there is a talented (but very small) group of ladies who work selflessly behind the scenes to deliver events to the St Mary's family. Could you join them? I have a programme of fundraising ideas to deliver in the Spring and Summer Terms (and beyond!), BUT I NEED YOUR HELP to really make this work; I need volunteers. Do you have any time to spare of a month? Could you man a stall at the next event for 1 hour? Could you wrap presents if you are provided with the necessary materials? Do you have another skill you could offer, when time allows?

Come along to one of our "Get Together" sessions, grab me in the playground or leave a message for me at the office.

I hope to see you all very soon,   **Emma x**

Dates For Your Dairy

January 27

Deadline for "200 Club" Entry

January 18

9.15am Parents "Get Together" @ Infants

January 21

Bingo Tickets go on sale!

January 24

6pm Parents "Get Together" Event @ Juniors

February 1

First draw of "200 Club" – who will be the lucky winner?

2019 Plans

200 CLUB LOTTERY EXPLAINED

January 2019 brings the launch of our St Mary's Schools Lottery. The premise is simple: £1 a month buys you entry to the monthly draw. If the club has 200 members, then the pot will be £200 – half will go to the PTA's fundraising target, and the remaining £100 will go to the winning ticket – and there will be a winning ticket ever month!

There is scope to make this a bigger club, the 250 Club perhaps? Or – dare to dream – the 500 Club, which would mean a monthly prize available of £250 for one lucky winner, every month!

Sign-up sheets came out this week in bookbags, please join in.

PARENTS "GET TOGETHER" EVENTS

We want to explain more in person about what your PTA have planned for 2019 and hear from you too.

We'll have some drinks and nibbles ready…come with your ideas and hear how you can help Team PTA. It doesn't matter which school your child attends, come to the meeting most convenient for you:

Friday 18th January, 9.15-11.30am – Infants Staff Room
Thursday 24th January, 6-8pm – Juniors Library

BINGO – THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY – 7PM, INFANTS MAIN HALL

Who doesn't love bingo?! This is adults only – book the babysitter now! There will be a bar, there will be buffet food and there will be PRIZES. Open to parents/guardians (and their relatives!) with children at either Infants or Juniors.

Tickets will be available from Monday 21st Jan at Infants Reception.

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

Autumn 2018 Roundup

Colouring Competitions

New for 2018/9 school year, we have raised over £100 across our schools, as well as £50 for the Royal British Legion. Let's get an entry for every child in the next Irish-themed comp for St Patrick!

Christmas Disco

We loved seeing all the children in their Christmas clothes ready to party. We have learned a lot of lessons ready for future events and we will be investing some of the profits in our own disco equipment for the next disco (to be less reliant on outside providers that charge).

Secret Santa

Thank you to everyone who participated in our SS event – we hope you liked your presents. The children chose what they thought you would like and we loved helping them!