

St Mary's Schools PTA

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WELCOME BACK FROM EASTER!

It's May already and your PTA are raring to go with lots of plans for our Summer Term...

May in Baldock is mostly about the Baldock Festival and St Mary's PTA is delighted to be running two events for the benefit of our schools. Firstly, our Book and Bake Sale at the Community Centre (7th May); can you use the Bank Holiday to get creative in the kitchen (with or without the little ones!) and support us with some cake donations? Then back by popular demand, our Bingo night (17th May); tickets are on sale NOW – hurry and grab your ticket if you are planning on attending!

In my last issue, I promised more info on the Circus: in summary, we have had the opportunity to go into partnership with a couple of local schools to fund a visit from the Pazaz Circus for our children, the main benefit being we can control the ticket prices and stalls at the event to make it as affordable as possible (and certainly more than the travelling versions that come to our towns), without compromising on quality. Woolgrove School in Letchworth are hosting but we are involved from an investment perspective and setting up/tidying and so on. The event will take place on Saturday 8th June; there will be three shows (11.30am, 1.30am and 3.30pm) with stalls selling drinks, snacks and other fairbased treats, so please come along and support your schools. Watch out for future Circus communications with details on ticket sales and availability.

If you can help out at the event, please message me:

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Dates For Your Dairy

May 7

Baldock Festival Cake Sale
(donations needed)

May 17

Baldock Festival Bingo Night

June 8

Pazaz Circus (hosted by
Woolgrove School)

June 21

Quiz Night

July 5

Summer Fete



SOME OTHER WONDERFUL UPDATES FOR YOU:

EASYFUNDRAISING

Our Easyfundraising total currently stands at a fabulous £157.94 – thank you to every one of you who has shopped in a new way to help St Mary's. Please think of your child(ren)'s schools every time you click on-line: my £65 order on Iceland just now netted us 96p – okay, it isn't huge on it's own, but if we all did that once or twice a week just think where we could be this time next year?!

GAZEBO INFANTS PLAYGROUND

I hoped Infants Parents loved the surprise on Monday morning of the newly painted gazebo out front – I hope you agree that it is a much more inviting view first thing and a wonderful demonstration of parent power: from left to right below, Stella Piper, Emma Rowe, Fran Harris and Louise Rigby. 6 hours, 6 tins of paint, a high ladder



and some elbow grease later, we were very pleased with our results!

We'd love to jazz up the remaining wood structures around the playing fields – could you spare a few hours one weekend? Bring a friend? The more hands, the more brushes and the faster the school gets a new look! My email is on Page 1, get in touch!



EASTER EGG COLOURING COMPETITION

Thank you all families who participated over the break in the colouring competition. An independent judge has identified the winners for each year group and these will be announced in assemblies by the headteachers.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday 23rd May, 7pm for 7.30pm start @ Orange Tree, Baldock



April 2019 Roundup

Easter Egg Hunt

It was wonderful to see all the children having a fab time at the Easter Egg Hunts in the last week of term, despite challenging weather extremes! The noise was incredible as they charged around the fields searching out the four different laminated eggs for a small choccy treat; if you found a special golden egg you won a big chocolate egg. The PTA made all the props and with this fantastic PTA and your support, I hope we can run this event every year from now on!

Thank you to every parent helper, PTA and staff member, and – of course – every child who took part. Big Thank Yous to Sainsbury's for sponsoring our "free from" provision and some of the larger "golden egg" prizes, and to everyone behind the scenes – you know who you are, and the event was a success because of your commitment – **THANK YOU.**