

PTA Newsletter – December 2023

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Children will be sent home with a little gift from the PTA today and we hope they enjoy it!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Christmas Fair

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the Reps and volunteers for your hard work and efforts to make the St. Mary's Christmas Fair a spectacular event!!

Thank you to Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne for welcoming everyone in and to all of our teachers who came to join in with the festive fun! Thank you to the school Governors for running the bar! Also, a big thank you to our brilliant Mr Breen who was on hand to help all day!

We have received lots of positive feedback on how stunning the stalls were, how magical the Grotto was and the delicious food and drinks that were available!

Many have mentioned how lovely our school community is and that it is so unique in how we all work together to make our Christmas Fair so special, so we offer our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support.

In total the event raised a **magnificent £15,700.00!!!**

Money is still trickling in and an updated figure will be released in the new year.

Thank you to the following businesses (many local) for donating vouchers and prizes towards our Christmas Fair: -

Gauthier Restaurant
Bromley Court Hotel
Zizzi's Beckenham
Dele Nene
Christmas Tree Factory
Blossom and Threads
Novus Estate Agent
Odeon Cinema Beckenham
A Cut Above Hair Salon
Headmasters Beckenham
Bockets Farm
Godstone Farm
Croywall
Bromley Football Club
Crystal Palace Football Club
Dragon Quest Mini Golf
Lazer Quest
Ginger Fitness
Essential Beaty Rooms
Mojo Fitness
Massimo Gangemi
The Curry Club

Flock and Heard
Anerley Barbers
Arin Café
Mozart Bar Crystal Palace
Holistic and Beauty Therapy
Lidl
Byron Barbers
PSSA

Thank you once again to the following companies, many who have children at the school for sponsoring our lovely calendar: -

HA Marks - The Crow family (Year 4 and Year 6)
Levick Stanley - Adam Evans (Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5)
Tom Hixson - Sally Lettington (Year 2)
The Swan - The Dowling family (Year Reception, Year 4 and Year 6)
Moon - Sylwia Akpolat (Year 5)
Edmundson Electricals - Paul Conneely (Year 4)
Ewings - (Grandson in Year 4)
LMG - McGinley family
ES Systems - John McDonagh (Year 4)
Superkids
Lodestar Cleaning
Nourish

Thank you all so much for your generosity and support of our school, we are very grateful!

Elfridges

The children had a wonderful time choosing gifts for the grown-ups in their lives. Many of you will have a lovely gift under your Christmas tree that has been carefully considered and chosen just for you! I'm sure the children can't wait for you to unwrap their very special gift for you!

A big thank you to all of the Elves who helped to purchase presents, set up the shop and wrap the presents for the children to take home.....**You made it a very special day for the children!!**

The Elfridges workshop raised an amazing £1,358.00!! Well done everyone!

Christmas Pantomime

Cinderella was brilliant with many of us laughing until we cried, made even funnier with help from two St Mary's dads, Vincent and Micky who were such good sports during the ventriloquist act!

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Little Recyclers Collection

Friday 19th January 2024

St Mary's PTA will now be using Little Recyclers instead of Happy Bags going forward.

Fill any bags, boxes or suitcases with clothes, shoes and accessories.

They accept: -

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's and babies).
- Paired shoes
- Accessories
- Bags, belts, jewellery
- Swimwear
- Clean underwear and socks

They do not accept: -

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet or ripped clothing
- Duvets and pillows
- Linen, towels or bedding
- Furniture or mattresses
- Stationary
- Work uniforms
- Carpets, rugs, mats curtains
- Food or medicine
- Books, CD's or DVD's
- Kitchen utensils
- Electric appliances

OTHER NEWS

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in early February and the date will be confirmed in due course. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting so come along to be informed about fundraising events, initiatives and share your own ideas.

PTA Lottery

The first draw was held this week and the lucky winners are:

1st Prize £95.67- Shinali McCusker

2nd Prize £57.40 - Kaye Southam

3rd Prize - £38.27 Peggy MacSweeney

Well done to you all!!

The PTA Lottery is raising essential funds to support the KS1 phonics programme, classroom libraries and our very lovely school crossing patrol officer (lollipop), Mrs Durling!

The more people that join...the higher the prizes!

Joining fee is £25 per number.

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-Sponsorship

Would you like to help support our school by sponsorship?

You can donate a prize towards one of our raffles from you or your business! You can also sponsor our school calendar and advertise your business. If you are interested in sponsoring our school, please contact the PTA via email: stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com

- **Matched Funding** through your employer - An easy win, just ask your employer if they participate in this scheme and you can go from there.

- **Easy Fundraising**: Who doesn't shop online these days!

How does it work, it's very simple, shop as normal with over 7,000 retailers, just start your shopping journey first at easyfundraising.org.uk, or get our App or browser extension Donation Reminder which reminds you when a donation is available. Once you make a purchase, our retailer partners will make a small donation to your chosen cause to say 'thank you'. Get started now!

LOST PROPERTY

As we know our children aren't great with minding their stuff at school, so it is so important to label their clothes. Well, if you purchase your children's ***name labels from Stickins*** at www.stickins.co.uk and quote our reference number 35724, under the 'school Fundraising number' field, our PTA will receive a 30% commission.
