

PTA Newsletter – September 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Pre-loved Uniform sale

Thursday 6th October 2022

There will be a pre-loved winter uniform sale in the amphitheatre from 3.15-4pm. Alternatively, please contact Nicola Warrington on 07961 168 167 with any uniform requests.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 7th October 2022

The McMillan coffee morning will take place in the small hall following the Harvest Mass.

Donations of homemade or shop bought cakes will be appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed on the day.

Christmas cards and wrapping paper

The children have completed their Christmas card/wrapping paper designs and as always, enjoyed taking part in this activity.

Details of how to purchase your children's Christmas card/wrapping paper creations will be sent home in due course.

Calendars

The children have had their themed class photos taken and they all had lots of fun dressing up in the various props. Details of how to purchase the calendar will follow in due course. The cost of the calendar will be £8.50.

Class portrait tea towels

The PTA are bringing back the class portrait tea towels as they were a huge success in previous years and they are currently in the process of being prepared.

Details of how to purchase the tea towels will follow in due course.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th November 2022

The biggest event of the year....St Mary's Christmas Fair.

The PTA and Reps are already very busy behind the scenes preparing for this spectacular event.

The Reps will be sending out their updates and requests, so please look out for their messages and support your class Reps in any way you can!

Christmas wreath workshop

Thursday 1st December 2022

Nicola Youens has organised an evening of Christmas wreath making with
claire@lolas_flower_box

The event will be held in the school hall at 7.30pm and will be available to 30 people to participate.

The cost is £45 per person, which includes a 14" fresh pine wreath and unlimited decorations.

Claire will be donating 10% of total costs to the PTA.

OTHER NEWS

PTA EVENT FUNDRAISING 2021-22

We have managed to raise a **staggering £39,882.00** through the various events and initiatives that have been held throughout the last school year.

So a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our reps and to you all because without your support, whether it has been through turning up and supporting these events, and/or helping out your reps at the events...This amazing figure would not have been possible.

And as a result, it has enabled the PTA to pay for the completion of the **reception playground project including the brand-new climbing frame**, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We have also been able to contribute towards the new **Little Wandle phonics program** and many other projects.

PTA EVENT FUNDRAISING 2022-23

The PTA have many fundraising ideas for 2022-23 to help raise monies for our school to invest in projects that will benefit all of our children. We know that we can count on all of you to support our events.

Some of the projects the PTA wish to provide funding for are listed below: -

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- The Little Wandle phonics program. To purchase more home reading books, costing approx. £5,000.00.
 - 60 Chromebooks for the school, costing approx. £5,000.00
 - Year 3 Strings project
 - Science week projects, costing approx. £1,000.00
 - Playground equipment, costing approx. £1,000.00
 - Class budgets, costing approx. £250.00 per class
 - Music department, costing approx. £250.00
 - SEN department, costing approx. £250.00
 - Minibus maintenance.
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PTA 100 CLUB

The first PTA 100 club draw will be held before the October half-term and an announcement of the winners will follow shortly after.

If you would like to join the PTA 100 club, please visit our website for an application form:

<https://www.st-marys-catholic.bromley.sch.uk/parents/pta/pta-100-club>

The more people that join...the higher the prizes! Joining fee is £30 per number.

QUICK AND EASY WAYS TO HELP US FUNDRAISE

There are many ways to support our school PTA and even ***schemes that don't have any additional personal cost to you***, such as

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

- **Amazon Smile** offers a charity donation for each purchase you make through Amazon at zero additional cost to you.

If using Amazon Smile, put St Marys school PTA as the charity (charity no.312476) and this will enable the school to receive extra funds.

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

How does it work, its 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.
