



July 2023

Dear Parents

Here we are again, almost at the end of yet another academic year! As always, it seems to have passed by in the blink of an eye, although St Mary's PTA have been working throughout, raising money to support our lovely school.

Over the last year, through events such as our Autumn Carwash, Film Night, Christmas Big Breakfast, Christmas Raffle, Colton Christmas Fair, Valentine's Disco, PJ Day, Easter Bingo, Summer Carwash and Sports Day Refreshments, plus donations from the sale of pre-loved uniform items and charity clothing collection, we have raised over £3,200! Wow! And we still have our Pre-Loved Uniform Sale later this week to add to that incredible amount!

This phenomenal fundraising total has been ploughed straight back into school and has provided some amazing things such as the whole school trip to the Lichfield Garrick to see the Christmas pantomime, subscriptions to various reading and magazine resources, our weekly dance and drama provision by Georgia Holloway, two new basketball hoops, the annual supply of seeds and bulbs for our amazing Horti-Hub and outdoor learning area, new colouring pens and pencils for all classes including care club, new wooden trim trail pieces for our outside play area, caterpillars and homes for each class to watch grow and develop into butterflies, as well as our Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies and their upcoming Leaver's celebration event. Phew!

We also continue to update our memorial planter for Joan Kinsman with seasonal plants in front of St Mary's church, too; do take a wander, if you get the chance, and have a look at the beautiful blooming geraniums and marigolds planted in her memory.

I hope you will agree that our PTA have achieved an incredible amount this year and we look forward to continuing to do so again throughout the following year, but we are only able to do so with your help....

We currently don't have enough members to run the PTA and may have to stop.

We need more committee members to take over from the current committee as well as PTA members if we are to continue with our fabulous fundraising efforts. Please get it touch as soon as possible if you can offer your support... we need you!

Email stmaryscoltonpta@gmail.com, call Claire on 07846 678680, or leave your details with the school office.

We will be holding our informal Welcome Coffee Morning again on Friday 22nd September 2023 8.30 -10.00am for all parents and would love to see as many of you there as possible! Not only will it be great to catch up with everyone after the summer break, but it will also be a wonderful opportunity to say hello to new families and for them to get to know others who have joined the school.

It really was a lovely (free!) event last year so pop it in your diaries, we look forward to seeing you there!

We are only able to run our events with your support and we would love to be able to hold our renowned Big Breakfast and Treat Bingo (a variation of our well-loved Easter event!), during the Autumn term, but they can only go ahead with help – could you and your group of friends lead St Mary's PTA forward into an exciting new chapter?!

As always, the PTA are incredibly proud to be able to fund our wonderful Year 6 children with their Leaver's Hoodies along with their end of term leaver's celebrations. We wish all the children the very best of luck in their new schools; they will be very much missed and, needless to say, we are incredibly proud of them all.

This time of year is always full of mixed emotions – as a PTA we are delighted to welcome new parents and children into the St Mary's family. Along with the excitement of meeting lots of new faces, inevitably, we also have to say goodbye to others; not only our Year 6 children, but also to some of our PTA members who will be leaving us too.

Particularly poignant this year, we are also saying goodbye to two of our wonderful committee members, good friends who have made the job a little bit easier and a lot more fun, thank you...

These goodbyes are never easy for us, as the friendships we have established and the good times we have shared are an integral part of what makes our PTA work so well. We will miss you all.

Don't forget to join us for the Year 6 Leaver's Service in church at 2pm on Monday 24th July (bring your tissues!), then head straight over to the school field afterwards until 5.30pm for ice creams and bouncy castle fun! Bring your own picnic and let's celebrate our St Mary's Leavers together!

With very best wishes for a relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

St Mary's PTA xxx