

Hi All,

There have been some changes within the PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association). We are still busy organising and devising new ideas for raising money but we have some new members in our committee.

Thank you to Claire Smith for heading up the PTFA for the last few years. She has done an amazing job and led the way to raising money for numerous projects for St Mary's including mini iPads in KS1, the yr. 3/4 Trim Trail and the forest school building on the school field.

The new committee will follow on from this by paying for the installation of the 2nd phase of the trim trail in the yr. 3/4 playground and will also be contributing to new reading books across the whole school. We will continue to raise money for new canopies outside KS1 classrooms and for new play equipment in the playgrounds. Our aim is to raise £10,000 in the academic year!

We would also like to hear your ideas for where we could help the school. If you have any ideas for **fund-raising events** or where the PTFA could **spend some funds**, please put your suggestion in the relevant **suggestion for** box in reception.

St Marys PTFA committee

Our Committee members are all parents of children at the school but we welcome support for our events from all willing helpers. This is the current committee:

- Chair: Katie McGrath
- Vice Chair: Katie Hill
- Treasurer: Steph Defeo
- Secretary: Vicki Watson
- Teacher Liaison: Liz Miller
- Alison Grierson-Brookes
- Jenn Christian
- Kelly Elliott
- Louise Sheppard
- Colin Turley

So far this academic year, we have raised £3,668!

We raised **£690** at the school disco in November. Our Christmas fayre was a huge success and we managed to raise **£2,253**. In addition to this, Gemma Wood secured Match Funding through her employer Barclays who have donated **£725** towards the PTFA. Thank you to Gemma for organising this.

If anyone has connections with a company that offers match funding, please get in contact with the PTFA on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk



Exciting events coming up in 2017!

- **Cookie Fridays** – every Friday until Feb half term
 - As a special treat for the end of the week, the children can buy a cookie for just **50p**. This will run every Friday until February half term.
- **Neon Disco** – Friday 3rd Feb
 - See below for details...
- **Summer Disco** – Friday 19th May
- **Summer Fayre** – Sat 8th July
- **Year 6 Prom** – July

Neon Disco – Friday 3rd February. Disco Tickets £2.50 per child
KS1 & EYFS: 5.30 – 6.30pm. KS2: 6.45 – 8pm

The **School Disco** is going **Neon**. Wear white or Neon colours to shine bright!
We will be selling glow items at both discos (50p/£1)

KS1 tuck shop: Jelly sweets & chocolate buttons will be on sale for 20p each.

KS2 will also have a tuck shop and the popular photo booth is back with a variety of new props. Tuck shop items priced from 10p to 50p. Photo booth is 50p a go.

Please note, the disco is organised and run by the PTFA committee. Teachers and TAs for the relevant KS are present at each disco so that there is at least 1 adult there that your child knows.

Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground. No mobile phones allowed. The discos are for St Marys students only.

Easyfundraising.com – so far we've made **£458.39!** **Thank you!**

If you are doing any online shopping, visit

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury>

It costs you nothing but the retailers pay a percentage of your shopping to the PTFA just by you clicking via this website! Keep shopping PLEASE!

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Get involved!

Can you spare some time every now and then to support the PTFA? You don't need to officially join the committee but we would be grateful for any help you can offer throughout the year. Our next meetings are at The Royal Oak on Tues 28th Feb, Tues 4th April, Tues 9th May & Tues 13th June

Or email us your details at ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

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Finally – a huge big **thank you** to all the parents and the wonderful children that support our events. Without your support we wouldn't be able to raise the money for improvements to our great school!