



FRIENDS OF ST. MARYS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PTA EVENTS:

SUMMER FETE

The Summer Fete will be held directly after Sports Day on Monday 16th July 2018; Sports day begins at 12.00 with lunch on the field and we envisage the Fete will begin at ~3.15pm.

The Summer Fete will be fun for all the family with the following:

- ✓ Raffle
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Bouncy castle
- ✓ Teacher in the 'stocks'
- ✓ Cold drinks
- ✓ Ice Pops

SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 18 July 2018

The disco will be as follows:

- ✓ **KS1 (Reception, Yr 1, Yr2)**
3.15-4.15 pm
- ✓ **KS2 (Yrs 3-6)**
4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tickets are charged at **£2.50 each** and tickets are available from the school office.

Tickets include:

- ✓ Entry to the disco
- ✓ Unlimited drinks
- ✓ Sweet cone
(or fruit if preferred)

AGM

The annual Friends of St Mary's School **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 11 September 2018** (TIME TBC)

This meeting will confirm the Events and fundraising calendar for the school year 2018/19 and also re-election of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

PARENT SURVEY

At the end of May we asked all parents to complete a survey to establish what events you and your children wanted and how you wished for the funds raised by the Friends of St Mary's School Association to be spent. Responses to the survey were as follows:

- Events to be held termly (56%)
- The School disco is the children's preferred event
- 53% would be interested in a family disco
- 46% would be interested in a quiz night
- 91% had no preference to PTA funding
- 38% of parents would be happy to support PTA events.

We will use this information during the AGM to be held 11/09/2018 to support us with our plans for events during the next school year.

PTA DONATIONS (2017-2018):

1. Hoodies for the school sporting events
2. £50.00 donation towards 'Goliath', the tortoise
3. £100 donation to the Year 6 Leavers Prom
4. Year 6 leavers gifts

& Finally:

6 reasons why your PTA really matters

1. **For the children**
Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms when children see us involved in their school and learning it encourages them to do their best 😊
2. **It builds trust**
Becoming part of the PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers whilst gaining an insight into the workings of the school
3. **It raises welcome funds**
The funds raised from PTA activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all our children at the school
4. **It gives you a voice**
5. **It forces connections beyond the school gates**
6. **Its good for you**
Every parent has plenty to offer the PTA and whether its being on the committee, helping out at events or organizing meetings, your talents will be put to good use!

Thank you to all parents and friends for your support to the PTA (and the school to date and we look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at future events.

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