



St Mary's Parents & Friends Association



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Putting the fun into fundraising

Dear All,

Well what a hectic few months it has been!

Following on from our PFA meeting on Monday we had some very positive feedback regarding the firework event and the Winter Wonderland. Thank you to everybody who helped and contributed to making both events a huge success and raising funds for the school. Thank you also to everybody who was involved in the cash for clothes scheme, Halloween disco, Christmas cards and film club.

So many of you have been extremely generous this year and with all your efforts the school has benefitted greatly. Below are a few examples of how the PFA has helped the school over the last few months.

Education Days

With some of the money raised this year the PFA funded the Astronomy Day which was held on 5th December. This gave the children the opportunity to experience life after dark when the stars begin to shine and have an understanding of our Planets. There are two more education days to follow next year, again funded by the PFA at a total cost of around £2,000, which we hope your children will enjoy.

School Uniform Shop

Another addition to St Mary's next year is going to be a school uniform shop. We think most of you will be relieved at not having to trek all the way to Kindas in Upminster to buy the necessary uniform and will also relieve the office staff of selling the school accessories i.e. purses, hats, gloves, scarves etc. The installation of a permanent building will cost around £3,000 but it is one which we think parents will benefit from greatly. We aim to sell the uniform every Friday after school.

Athletics Kit

The PFA are in the process of purchasing a brand new athletics kit to replace the old cotton vests that are currently used. This will be for the use of KS2 children who are selected to represent St. Mary's at inter-school events. The kit will include a climate-control short-sleeve top and shorts, similar to the proposed new PE kit samples which were available for viewing at the recent nearly new uniform sale. Additionally,

the PFA has been able to commit to replace the rather tired nylon tracksuits that can be used by all KS2 sports teams.

Future Events

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Come and get in the Christmas spirit and join us for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on Thursday, 20th December from 2 pm.

Adult Night

If you fancy getting your glad rags on and having a boogie, the PFA are organising an adults-only evening on Saturday 2nd February 2013. Tickets will be on sale the first week back after the Christmas holidays. Due to the size of the hall and numbers, tickets will be sold on a strictly first come, first served basis.

Well that is all for us this year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and every good wish for the coming year. We hope to see you on 28th January 2013 for our first PFA meeting of the year.

Best Regards

Your PFA Team