



# St Mary's Parents & Friends Association



**Chairs: Liz Cole & Elaine Williams    Secretary: Carolyn Brennan    Treasurer: Colin McCarthy**

## **Putting the fun into fundraising**

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Dear All,

Welcome back. We do hope you had a great summer and are settled back into your school routines!

You may be aware of changes to the PFA but, for those that aren't, Liz Cole and Elaine Williams have now taken on the role of Chairing the PFA, with the support of Jo Luxton and Carolyn Brennan as the new Secretary. They are parents of Year 1 and Reception Children. The PFA would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa and Fiona for doing such an amazing job over the last 2 years but thank goodness they are still around. One of us will always be in the playground at drop off and pick up, so please feel free to come and find us. We will be pleased to hear your ideas and suggestions.

### **PFA Meeting Change**

Mrs Elliker has suggested that for the PFA to be able to discuss ideas more freely and relax a bit more, she will attend the meeting for the first 10-15 minutes to discuss the more formal agenda points. The PFA can then talk over ideas, plans, actions and/or concerns either during the meeting or on a one to one at the end.

### **Allotment**

Following on from Mrs Elliker's Parentmail re the allotment, a few Parents have volunteered to help out, however we are still looking for more. We are asking for Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Nans, Grandads, to come forward and volunteer. Our aim is to get the allotment in working order and, with the help of parents, set up a lunchtime allotment club for the children. This can only be done with your help. If you are interested please send a text message to Elaine on 07960 018 387.

### **Garage**

The PFA have to vacate a garage we currently use to store lots of equipment and Mrs Elliker has kindly found a space on the school grounds for us to put a new shed. Is there anyone who is able to help dig and build the base for the shed to go and/or know of anyone that can supply a shed at a discounted rate?

## **Forthcoming events/dates for your diary**

### ***October***

Tuesday 16th October - Nearly New Uniform Sale – 2.30 pm Parish Hall

Thursday 18th October - Reception and Year 1 Parent Social - Parish Hall after school

Thursday 25th October - Scary School Disco - Parish Hall after school

### ***November***

Saturday 10th November - Fireworks night – Gates open at 6.30 pm

Sunday 18th - Monday 19th November - Cash for Clothes

Saturday 24th November - Christmas Bazaar

Friday 30th November - Film Club - Year 2, Parish Hall after school

### ***December***

Thursday 20 December - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies - 2 pm, Parish Hall

Our next meeting is on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8 pm. Join us in the Parish Hall for a tea and coffee – it's always great to see a new face. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best Regards

Your PFA Team