

MINUTES

Friends of St Mary's PTA AGM / Kick off meeting

Date | time 25/09/19 7.30pm | *Meeting called by* Helen Wallace, Rebecca Farrell, Donna Shorey

In Attendance

Helen Wallace, Rebecca Farrell, Donna Shorey, Adele Forrest, Sarah Selwood, Tara Berryman, Mary Brophy, Michelle Parfremment, Nancy Thorpe, Emma Luckhurst

Apologies

Tabitha Walsh, Elke Star, Millie Anderson, Andrea Pratt, Valerie Adamson, Lucy Luscombe, Jen parfremment.

Welcome and Introduction

Thank you to those who attended the meeting and welcome everyone to a new school year of fundraising for the benefit of all our children.

Helen Wallace and Rebecca Farrell were voted in as Co-Chairs of the St. Mary's Friends PTA for the forthcoming 2019-2020 school year. Donna Shorey was voted in as Treasurer.

Valerie Adamson continues as the PTA contact Governor for the school.

Sahrah Chaudhri (Assistant HeadTeacher) continues in the role of our communication link with the school.

We thank everyone for their continued support.

PTA Committee

Since the meeting, we are delighted to announce that Rosie Perry Sleeman is joining the team as Secretary. I'm sure you all join us in thanking Rosie for coming forward and taking on this role.

We have managed to recruit class representatives for many of the classes but a few remain rep free. Please consider taking on this role, it really doesn't have to be anything more than:

- Create a class list of all parents and carers to communicate with.
- Prepare rotas for the Christmas fayre and May fayre.
- Organize teachers collections for Christmas & end of year.
- Ensure cake sales (when they start up again) are provided for (cakes donated) and helpers for the sale are available.

It is often asked, 'what is the best way to get the class contact details?' We discussed a number of ways that have varied in success from class to class but on the whole, most people find:

- a note in the book bags introducing yourself & asking each parent/carer to email you with name, contact details & the child's name.
- a message from the class teacher on class Dojo asking for the above.

We are still needing reps for the following class: Angelfish.

Please consider volunteering.

Cake Sales

For the time being, cake sales are not possible due to the build works. Hopefully we can resume after work has completed.

Yr3 event

We would like to run an informal evening for the new Year 3 children to mix and mingle. We are looking into dates available and discussed various options from Bingo to Games night.

MacMillan coffee morning Friday 27th September

Thank you to all those who helped on the morning, serving coffee and cakes. Thank you also to the tremendous team who sold left over cakes after school on the infant side, therefore increasing the money raised. A brilliant effort for a great cause.

Phil the bag collection

Thank you to Caroline Robertson who has kindly offered to take this on. A date will be provided in due course for the collection. Caroline will need a few helpers on the morning.

Infant & Junior disco

We are looking into booking DJs and the halls for this popular event.

It was discussed that both infants and juniors should have discos on the same day thus making it easier for parents.

Once we find that this is feasible, we will advertise.

Helpers will be required for the event, without sufficient adults on site, the event will not go ahead.

Christmas Cards

This is a popular activity and last year made a whopping £1302 for the school. Lucy Luscombe has kindly offered to take on the coordination of this – a huge task.

We ask that when letters come home for ordering cards etc. you check the payment details thoroughly to avoid the delays that occurred last year.

Second Hand Uniform

It would be nice to have someone that could take control of the uniform collection. It would entail putting the boxes out during parents evenings, cake sales, open school events and the fairs? Whenever it may seem relevant really. If anyone would like to help with this, please let Helen or Rebecca know. Thank you.

100 club / St Mary's Lottery

Claire Harris has kindly offered to take this on – another great fundraiser for the school. Thank you for offering your time to coordinate this Claire.

Other ideas / Events

- CHRISTMAS, 7th December: The Christmas word was spoken. We are very keen to get the ball rolling on this event. Ideally, a team of 4-5 enthusiastic people would be good. A huge fundraiser last year, we want to make it bigger and better this year! If you love Christmas – please come forward to volunteer in any way you can.
- TAKE THE MIC NIGHT: Elke Starr would like to run a 'take the mic' evening, looking at Spring next year.
- COMEDY NIGHT: We would like to run this again – not in January though! It was such a success in the end last year, it would be great to give it another go.
- QUIZ NIGHT: Always a hugely popular evening. Anyone who would like to take on the challenge organizing this fun night, do come forward.
- SCHOOL WATER BOTTLES & EVENT GLASSES: Wastage is a great concern for us and the purchase of plastic cups has to be reduced. We would like to look into buying event glasses that can be used over and over – you buy a cup and bring it back with you to events.
- ROAD SAFETY: We are still keen to fund traffic cones or anything that the school requests to help towards the unlawful parking and reckless driving that we still see on a daily basis.

Financial Update

Donna Shorey had the pleasure of announcing the profit made last year - £18,178 and the PTA bank account is now a super healthy £29,502.

NOTE: The bank account is looking fabulously strong and we are very keen to spend it on enrichment programs for the school – however, the build and the logistics of keeping our children safe has to be priority for the staff at St. Mary's. A leadership team meeting is imminent and one of the agenda points is where the money should go – of course shared throughout the school for the benefit of all pupils. Rest assured, the money will be spent, but in a considered & timely manner to ensure maximum benefit to all.

In the meantime, we must all work to ensure future requirements can be met.

Class teachers & Class Reps

Reception

Class	Teacher	Rep
Starfish	Miss White	Angie Elrick Sarah Selwood
Angelfish	Ms Quinn / Mrs Gilding	

Year 1

Class	Teacher	Rep
Seahorses	Miss Mogridge	Katherine Hogan Marie Dain
Turtles	Mrs Stokes	Rebecca Mason Fiona Claridge

Year 2

Class	Teacher	Rep
Whales	Miss Phillips	Sarah Hubbard Andrea Pratt
Dolphins	Mrs Marus	Clare Lett Claire Jagers

Year 3

Class	Teacher	Rep
3W	Mr Wanstall	Charmaine Johnson
3R	Miss Ramon	Louise Wanstall Jules Iliffe
3L	Mrs Laird	Siobhan Kember Samantha Davies
3O	Ms O’Gorman	Nicki Giltrow

Year 4

Class	Teacher	Rep
4H	Mr Heyburn	Tabitha Walsh

		Kate Lloyd
4M	Mr Menham	Trish Carter?
4L	Ms Legister	Elke Starr Nancy Thorpe

Year 5

Class	Teacher	Rep
5C	Mr Collins	Rebecca Farrell Cath Taylor Paula Wheatley Jo Meninchinelli
5S	Mr Skiton	Rachel Lansley (Scot- T) Hazel Graham Kerry Cook Kelly Thompson Emma Luckhurst
5G	Mrs Gautrey	Rachel Emma Lou

Year 6

Class	Teacher	Rep
6MG	Miss Greenwood/Mrs Mance	Caroline Robertson Nikki Tagg
6H	Mrs Holland	Hanna Brown
6W	Mrs Whitely	Debbie Iyall Angela Frost

Thank you all.

NEXT FRIENDS PTA MEETING:

TBC
