

**The Friends of St. Mary's**  
**Autumn Term Newsletter 2020**

This year at St Mary's has been like no other.

From months of no school bells, no bustling corridors, laughter in the playground, sport on the MUGA, pupils working in classrooms, rehearsing in music practice rooms or in the drama studio. We are so pleased to see the children back in school and our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs Lewis and her team of excellent teachers and support staff for getting us all back to the 'new norm' and once again providing our children with engaging teaching and learning.

We have also missed so many fundraising events for St Mary's Primary School! But your trusty PTA have some excellent initiatives waiting in the wings, some fun and relatively painless ways to make money for the School.

Please request to join our Facebook group '**Friends of St Mary's School**' for all information and up to date news. You just have to answer a simple question for approval.

**Class Representatives 2020 -2021**

We are still outstanding Class Reps for the following two classes:

- 5L
- 6H

Should you wish to volunteer your time please do get in touch with us. It really is a breeze of a job and can be quite fun but most of all, it is bringing everyone together and working as a team across all year groups. And in the process making new friendships and catching up with established ones.

Fundraising ideas and contributions are endless. If you're thinking of running a marathon or doing any kind of 'virtual' event for charity, there couldn't be a more worthy cause than enhancing the education of your children, and nothing to stop parents using the PTA to raise much needed funds for the School.

The St Mary's Primary PTA will accept any ideas, any amount of time and any amount of money - it all helps, and the success of PTA relies on you.

**Virtual Uniform Sale**

You may have already seen our online Facebook page Uniform Sale taking place virtually this year. Please do take a look at our page and email any donation request to [smoxted.pta@gmail.com](mailto:smoxted.pta@gmail.com) and we will send you the School account details. All donations are gratefully received.

## St Mary's 'Chrome-a-thon' September 26.2020

This autumn, the St Mary's PTA brings you a spectacular marathon of an event.

Please help us in our mission to ensure that every child in St Mary's can learn virtually if necessary. We have created the September 26.2020 Chrome-a-thon to raise funds for us to buy very much needed Chromebooks.

We want to challenge the St Mary's School community to come up with some fantastic ways of raising money **262 ways!**

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Get a group of friends and run 26.2 miles collectively! This could even be a whole class event
- Read 262 pages of a book
- 262 'keepie upies'
- Learn 26+2 French words or spellings
- Bake 26+2 cupcakes and sell them to your neighbours
- Do a plank for 2.62 minutes
- Take a vow of silence for 262 minutes
- Sell 26.2 toys /boys /games at a front garden box sale, taking in donations to the School

The options are endless, so get creative!

Further details will be sent with a sponsorship form shortly, however, in the meantime please register your pledge to [smoxted.pta@gmail.com](mailto:smoxted.pta@gmail.com) and get ready to perform your wild ideas on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

We would also love you to post any Chrome-a-thon September 26.2020 pictures on the Facebook page to share the fun!

## St Mary's Online Quiz Night

We are in need of a willing candidate to run the annual Quiz Night this year which is always a fun and well attended event to bring parents, the local community and teachers together for a much needed get together. We appreciate how much time and energy it takes to run an evening such as this, but if you have a background in presenting or compering, or hosted a Quiz Night before, we would love to hear from you !!

It is only with your support that we can continue to provide enriching programmes and facilities for our children and the School.

We look forward to welcoming you to a 'virtual' event soon and The St Mary's School Friends during the course of this academic year and hopefully even get to 'see' you at some point too!

With all our best wishes for the term ahead,

Rebecca, Donna and Rosie