



Newsletter- October 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

We wanted to write and update you on recent fundraising news.

It has been a tremendously successful half term at St Mary's and we could not be prouder of the pupils and parents within the School community for their efforts in raising money and giving up so much of their time to support the PTA charity initiatives.

Fundraising Update

Despite the last school year finishing four months earlier than it should, we have still managed to raise a substantial sum of funds to put towards our children's school. We should all, parents, and children, be so proud of what we were able to achieve.

This school year will be like no other so any fundraising we can all get involved in will be greatly appreciated by St Mary's.

2019-20 Summary

Date	Event	Profit
Various	2nd Hand Uniform Sales	258
Oct-19	Christmas Cards	1,293
Nov-19	Christmas Fair	7,265
Nov-19	School Disco	757
Dec-19	Infant Nativity Photos	149
Dec-19	Junior Nativity Photos	421
Dec-19	Love Oxted	57
Dec-19	Oxted Adventure	49
Jan-20	Musical Mayhem pictures	90
Feb-20	Bingo Night	310
Mar-20	Quiz Night	1,296
TOTAL		11,944

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

The St Mary's 'Chrome-a-thon' on 26th September saw some incredibly creative and wondrous fundraising ideas to raise money to buy Chromebooks to support remote learning.

Here is a snapshot of events that took place:

Cake sale at RawSkills
Bushy Croft cake sale
Marble cake sale
Jumping Jacks (£286.86)
Monkey bar challenge
Pocket money donation
Hever triathlon
Car washes
Homemade bookmarks
Danceathon
Mountain bike challenge
Sponsored teddy bear donation

Sponsored crazy golf
Sponsored Spikey Chestnut collection
Sponsored cartwheel event
Face mask sale
Mandala card sale
Hair scrunchie sale
London photography challenge
Obstacle course challenges
Oxted Ladies Running Club (£380)
Hamper collections and auction

Pupils and parents raised a staggering £3511 on 26th September, all of which was contributed to the School's mission to ensure that every child in St Mary's can learn virtually.

The total amount raised for 'Chromes for Loan' was a whopping £9,624.26. Mrs Lewis was in receipt of the Chromebooks earlier this month and has started handing out the devices to families in need.

A huge **THANK YOU** to you all for your efforts and we hope you had lots of fun in the process!

Amazon Smile

Wouldn't it be great to continually raise money throughout the year for St Mary's PTA. Well, you can with Amazon Smile, an initiative set up by Amazon whereby you shop at smile.amazon@co.uk. It's the same amazon.co.uk site but it allows you to give to your preferred charity while you shop. You can select The Friends of St Mary's Oxted as your preferred charity, and then any Amazon purchase you make will result in a 0.5% of the net purchase price being donated! This will add up if all our parents/guardians know to shop this way, especially as we approach the gifting season.

The Friends of St Mary's are set up as a charity with Amazon Smile and we wanted to make you aware with the Christmas shopping season upon us - along with Prime Days and Black Friday - it's the perfect time!

Amazon Wish List

A new craze is taking off in many schools in the country!

With the current COVID setbacks not allowing us to hold a Christmas fair or other events leading up to December, we wanted to invite you to set up an Amazon Wish List for any books and equipment that you may like to donate to the School, we understand that some parents would happily purchase a few things for the School when they are placing their Black Friday or Christmas orders. Small amounts of giving like this throughout the year can add up to a lot of new things for our school and there is no obligation. The St Mary's Wish List will follow and be sent in a separate letter after half term.

Pupil Christmas Cards

- **Virtual Art & Photography Auction**

The Friends of St Mary's are excited to be bringing you the first ever Art & Photography auction which will include local artists and some lovely pieces for you to bid on for that very special Christmas present. More details to follow.

Finally, as a thank you to our wonderful Children, we will be treating them all to a 'thank you' Krispy Kreme on the last day of half term and hope they enjoy these as small gesture from The Friends for all their fantastic fundraising. They really are amazing!

Without the Class Reps, none of the above would be possible and we are so incredibly grateful to each and every one of you for your outstanding efforts.

With all our best wishes for a relaxing half term.

Rebecca, Donna and Rosie