



## Summer Newsletter

July 2022

### *School is out for summer!*

It is hard to believe that we are once again at the end of a school year.

The PTA would first and foremost like to thank you for being so supportive and most importantly so committed to making St. Mary's as wonderful a community that it is, unphased by whatever is thrown at us! You should all be so proud of your achievements, no matter how small. We would also like to take a moment to thank all members of the PTA who are sadly leaving us. Thank you to Donna Shorey for handing over to Charlotte Magnus (Treasurer) so efficiently, and to Rebecca Farrell for steering the PTA ship through the rockiest of seas and the wonderful of years (more to follow on this!).

Huge thanks also go to the Class Reps, some of which are stepping down, whom all have held the PTA together through arguably its most challenging time and for those in Year 6, we all thank you and wish nothing but the best for you and all your families.

### *Finance update*

#### Friends of St Mary's Church of England School Year 2021/2022

Fundraising		
May Fair	£	3,320
Festival in the Field	£	614
2nd Hand Uniform Sales	£	63
Donations		
Lottery/Easy Fundraising/Amazon Smile	£	362
2nd Hand Uniform Sales	£	10
Donations from the Friends to St Mary's		
Pantomime in March	£	1,799
Parent Kind Magazine Subscription	£	128
Reading Rocks Subscription	£	120
Splash for Cash	£	10,000

**\*Thank you for all your donations and fundraising efforts\***

**Well done!**

## Term in review

We are delighted to have been able to organise a wide range of fun activities this year, confidently seeing the back of social distancing, mask wearing and no indoor gatherings.

### May Fayre 2022

For the first time in two years, we held a wonderful event on 21 May in the beautiful sunshine. The stalls were buzzing with excitement and a hugely well attended day made for a grand total of £3320 being raised for the school Splash for Cash fund.

A particular highlight was the Infant Choir and St. Mary's Dance Troop who performed during the day. Whoop fitness, Star Makers and Ohanu fitness brought high energy and fun. The very competitive 'welly throwing' saw many mums and dads take to the field with their best throwing technique and sponge the Vicar had the longest queue!

Special thanks to Marcus Edwards who was our voice leading the proceedings throughout the day and for the many donations from you all for the bottle and sweet tombola and the cake stall. Some wonderful efforts and we are hugely grateful.



### Wonderful Parents and Pupils – Splash for Cash

This year we have also seen some fantastic individual fundraising events that we'd like to mention – created by our wonderful school community to raise critical funds for the school 'Splash for Cash' fund.



Going out BIG STYLE, Rebecca was joined by St. Mary's Parent and Barber Van Surrey owner, Shan, on a charity **Sky Dive** on 9<sup>th</sup> July. They raised over **£1000** for current and future pupils as well as the Oxted community with their bravery, and for the school 'splash for cash' fund.

A hugely successful '**Trash for Cash**' litter picking day where St. Marys children and parents, grandparents and extended family members, and dogs, walked across Oxted and surrounding areas to pick up litter whilst being sponsored to raise further funds.

On 9 July the St. Mary's Reps organised a **Splashdance**; pupils took to the field, danced, played, and ate sweets! A child's dream. It was a wonderful afternoon which everyone enjoyed.

189 tickets were sold, and monies raised by the Sweet Treats crew and face glitter. The team made a whopping **£1004** for the school pool. Special thanks to Megan for inspiring us all with her idea.



**5 boys run 5K.** 5 boys from Years 4 & 5 ran a sponsored 5k on 26<sup>th</sup> February and raised a whopping **£2,500** for the Splash for Cash fund. Well done boys!

The '**Five go for a walk to Canterbury**' fundraiser saw some determined dads walk a great distance from Oxted over four days across the North Downs arriving at Canterbury Cathedral virtuously raising over **£1400** - Well done dads!



### *Cakes & Lemonade*

A group of parents and pupils sold cakes and lemonade at the Oxted Boot Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> June and raised **£1123** for the school pool. Now that's a LOT of cake and LOT of hard selling!





Just with these events alone the school community raised over **£7000**. Well done to everyone for their amazing efforts, and brilliant ideas – you made this happen. Keep them coming!

## **Rebecca Farrell**

Our fantastic PTA Chair will be putting her little red wheely trolley away and hanging up her spreadsheets after 4 years in the role and leaving the position at the end of the term.

Rebecca you have been tremendous!

Just to give you an idea, Rebecca has been involved in raising approximately **£46,133** for St. Mary's.

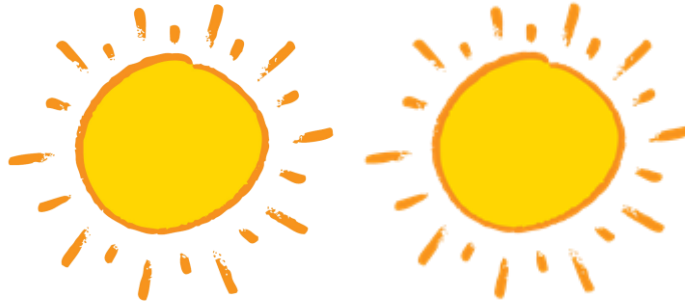
Here is a brief summary of Rebecca's contributions over the course of her time on the PTA:

<b>PTA Event</b>	<b>£ Sum</b>
2nd Hand Uniform Sales	766
Cake sales	1,410
Christmas Cards	5,633
Christmas Fair	23,266
Cinema	221
Discos	1,817
Festival in the Field	1,350
Fundraising in covid	974
Ginistry Gingle	1,093
Love Oxted	57
May Fayre	3,151
Nativity Photos	333
Oxted Adventure	49
Socials	4,975
Sports Day	66
St Mary's Lotto	974
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£46,133</b>

It goes without saying how incredibly lucky the school has been to have Rebecca in post for so long, especially as all the Farrell children moved on from St. Mary's! The organisation of the PTA events, to name just a few; Christmas and May Fayres, fundraising activities, cake sales, Infant discos, auctions, sponsored charity endeavours !! the list is endless and none of this would have happened without Rebecca. She has done the most amazing job and Mrs Lewis and the team at St. Mary's are eternally grateful for the time and effort, passion, that Rebecca has without fail contributed to the school during her tender. A proper thank you will be given to Rebecca at the school Year 6 Leavers' Service and a PTA gathering at Master Park at 2pm on Friday 22 July.

## **PTA Vacancies 2022-23**

St Mary's will have **no PTA Chair** or **PTA Secretary** in September, please contact us if you would like to explore the Chair or Secretary position on email [smoxted.pta@gmail.com](mailto:smoxted.pta@gmail.com) We would be delighted to hear from you.



Once again, our enormous thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA team so enthusiastically, especially the hardy Reps who have spread the word, volunteered their time and generally been brilliant.

That just leaves us to say we wish you a *healthy, relaxing break*.

It's 'over and out' from us. Have a great summer!

*Rebecca, Charlotte and Rosie*

**Thank  
You!**