



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 – September 2016

## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first issue of our new PTFA newsletter. We hope you'll find it a useful way of keeping informed about all the events happening throughout the year.

This is now my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as your PTFA Chair and I'm really looking forward to another year of fundraising for our school. Last year we raised **over £9,000** which is a fantastic total – it could not have been achieved without the great support of the rest of the PTFA committee members, parents and other helpers, and the Head Teacher and staff.

At the end of the last school year the PTFA provided a significant contribution of £13,800 to the building of the new MUGA (multi use games area) which will give our children a fantastic opportunity to develop diverse sporting skills.

This year we are planning lots of fun activities to raise funds for further improvements to the school playground and equipment, new library books and iPads, and for our annual contribution of £3,500 to the creative curriculum and sports enrichment programmes. All funds raised by the PTFA are used to make your child's time at school a great experience and provide them with the extras that government funding doesn't stretch to.

If you want to get involved with the PTFA, have a great fundraising idea, or would like to help at one of our events please contact me or any of the other Committee Members. We would be delighted to hear from you!

*Mark Nevitt*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Month	Date	Activity
Sep	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Oct	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	School disco
Oct	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (bottles)
Nov	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (sweets)
Dec	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Advent Fair
June	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete

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CANCER SUPPORT**



## WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS

If you are new to St John's please come and meet other parents and the PTFA and help us support a worthwhile cause.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 9-10.30am

CAKE DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



## SUMMER FETE 2016

The summer fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, our biggest fundraiser of the year, was a brilliant success. It was very well attended and despite the heavy rain and resultant flooding in the middle of the event, we had a great afternoon of fun and entertainment.

Thanks to all of you who came along and supported the event – **we raised £3,660.**

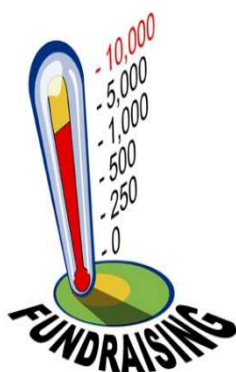
Highlights included the brand new St John's Hair Salon and Nail Bar, Pony Rides on Freddie and Summer, great singing and street dancing performances by the children while we all kept out of the rain, the tasty BBQ, Pimm's stall and not forgetting the new 'Mr Gunn's mocktail'. We were also well supported by local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes to the school.



Special thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help the PTFA set up and run the fete – we couldn't have done it without you!

Next year's Summer Fete will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please save the date!

### FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW 2015/16



Sponsored Marathon	£1727
Advent Fair	£2794
School Disco	£488
Talent Show	£370
Summer Fete	£3660
The Giving Machine	£136
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9175</b>



### ORDER NAMETAGS AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

As you know, all of your child's belongings for school should have name labels. For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 20% to the school. The more orders My Nametags receives the more it will donate!

Please help us to return lost clothing and support the school's fundraising efforts.

If you order online at [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) please **use our unique School ID number 65548**, and you'll be raising much needed money for the school too.

### NON-UNIFORM DAYS

There will be non-uniform days on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

In return for children being allowed to wear their own clothes we are asking for donations of bottles and jars of sweets for the tombolas at the Advent Fair. Alternatively each child can pay £2 so that we can purchase supplies for these stalls.

### AUTUMN SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

£4 ON THE DOOR

INCLUDES DRINK & SNACK

NURSERY, RECEPTION, Y1, Y2

3:45-4:45pm

Y3-Y6

5:15-6:15pm

Shop online?

Click. Shop. Give for free with



The Giving Machine



Argos

John Lewis

amazon

ebay

Sainsbury's

Toys R Us

M&S

B&Q

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JOIN IN NOW

**SIGN UP AS A GIVER  
and select 'St Johns  
CE Primary School'  
as your chosen  
cause.**

If you are a UK taxpayer please opt-in to Gift Aid to help us increase donations even further.

St John's is part of TheGivingMachine ([www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)) which is a fantastic charitable scheme allowing us all to generate cash donations for the school without it costing us a penny.

Since joining in April 2012 we have managed to raise nearly £600.

**How does it work?** It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via TheGivingMachine website or to make things even easier you can install the 'Shop&Give Reminder' on your PC or mobile. Then whenever you shop online at a participating retailers your transaction will be tracked and St John's will automatically receive a free cash donation.

### ADVENT FAIR

Our next big fundraising event is the Advent Fair on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12pm.**

If you have any toys and children's books you no longer use please bring them to the office for the Toy Tombola.

Also if you or your company could donate goods or services as raffle prizes please let us know.

We hope to see you there!



## ESTATE AGENT SPONSORSHIP BOARDS

We are delighted to confirm that estate agents Anscombe & Ringland have agreed to sponsor our upcoming advent fair, which is being held on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December.

This will help the school promote the event to the local community through 'for sale' type boards at parents' houses and sponsorship banners outside the school, and also provide us with a £5 donation for each board. You may have already seen these in the area – it's a very popular way for schools to raise money.

We need to be able to nominate up to 40 volunteers willing to have the boards displayed in their front gardens for two weeks before and one week after the event. The more boards we can display the more funds we raise for the school.

**If you would like to volunteer to display a board please send an email with your address details to [ptfastjohnsn11@yahoo.com](mailto:ptfastjohnsn11@yahoo.com) with subject 'Estate Agent Boards', or let any member of the PTFA know you can help.**

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## YOUR PTFA COMMITTEE

<b>Chairperson</b>	Mark Nevitt	<b>Head Teacher</b>	Graham Gunn
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Becke Nevitt (Y5&3)	<b>Treasurer</b>	Ben Pallas (R)
<b>Secretary</b>	Louise Ryan (Y1&N)		
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Ed Newman (T)	Anna Marie Flanagan (Y4&2)	Louise Callendar (Y4)	Lisa Coletta (R&Y5&3)
John Kuti (Y4)	Gayle Anderson (Y1&3)	Jess Atkinson (R)	Caroline Furness (R&Y4)
Maria Amoss (Y6)	Anna Michael (Y1)	Yan Angeli (Y1&R)	Sarah Walker (Y1&4)
Darren Gillan (Y2)	Paul Stopa (R&Y2)	Janet Dalhouse (Y3)	Tanya Francis (Y6)



Contact us at [ptfastjohnsn11@yahoo.com](mailto:ptfastjohnsn11@yahoo.com)

### EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER FOR ESTATE AGENT BOARD

REGISTER AT THE GIVING MACHINE

USE SCHOOL ID TO ORDER NAMETAGS