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## New Year Newsletter 2020



Welcome to our first PTA newsletter of 2020, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a great start to the New Year.

We would like to thank you for your support throughout 2019 it is wonderful how our school community and wider parish get behind all the fundraising we have done last year.

Our Christmas Fair raised an amazing **£8,000!** We would like to thank all **parents, grandparents, carers, parishioners, friends and local businesses** who supported this event. This would not be possible without you all. We had an incredibly enthusiastic team of people who planned the fair helped on the day, the parents and staff who set up, ran stalls, cleared away, everyone who donated raffle and tombola items, food, cakes, uniform and toys, and of course all those who attended on the day.



The sum of all your seasonal spending and goodwill that generated this significant sum is amazing and we are overwhelmed by your generosity. It's worth pointing out here how crucial **cash-matching** is to our fundraising, it generated over **£2,000** from our Christmas Fair, so please, please do check with your employer if they offer this, or discuss with one of the Committee Members if you want more information before approaching them.

Save the date as we have many exciting fundraising events coming up.....

Children's  
Disco

St David's Day  
Afternoon Tea

St Patrick's  
Day Afternoon  
Tea

St George's Day  
Afternoon Tea

Spring Dance



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Calling all bakers, if you can help with any baked goods for St David's Day, St Patrick's Day or St George's Day Afternoon Tea then we would be most grateful. Please can you ensure that all baked goods donated are nut free (including coconut) and are seed-free. Thank you.



We will be holding our annual Spring Dance on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Ringway Golf Club, which proved to be a fantastic venue last year. We held our first [Spring Dance Committee Meeting](#) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and would like to thank everyone who were able to attend. Our next Committee Meeting is on [Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm](#), it would be great to see you there! If you are unable to make the meetings no problems please email us for more details on how to get involved. Our focus over the next few weeks is [raffle and auction prizes](#) so if you have any ideas or know any businesses that could support us for this event, we would be grateful. This a fantastic fundraising opportunity for us but also a great way for the parents of St Josephs to get together for a lovely social evening. We will be letting everyone have details of how to buy tickets for this event soon after half term so watch this space... we expect this to be a very popular event!

### [Our other fundraising last term included.....](#)

[St Andrew's Day](#) which was a great success with fantastic entertainment from the children in Year 5 so thank you must go to Mrs Marston, Mrs Ardern and Mrs Cox for arranging this. We raised around £250 so thank you very much for your superb generosity in baking cakes, biscuits, for donating raffle prizes and helping to set up, serve and clear up. This event was really well attended not only by many parents, grandparents and carers from our school but also many parishioners and who all came along to support this event.

[Sales of "pre-loved" uniform](#) raised £337. Please continue to send your donations of school and nursery jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts as well as St Joseph's waterproof fleeces, ties, bags, summer dresses and boys shorts to the school office. You can e mail us at any time on [info@stjosephs-pta.co.uk](mailto:info@stjosephs-pta.co.uk) if you would like to buy any second hand uniform and we will check our stock!

[Our existing and new online](#) initiatives raised £50 during the run up to Christmas so thank you to, all of you who done your online shopping through either [Amazon Smile](#), [Big Book Boost](#) or [Easy fundraising](#). If you haven't yet signed up, please see the PTA website for details. [www.stjosephs-pta.co.uk](http://www.stjosephs-pta.co.uk). We are close to finalising our brand new website so look out for more details of that soon.



[As well as raising money](#) we have been busy making arrangements with Mrs Taylor to spend the money raised. We are looking into developing the outdoor space further by upgrading the KS2 play equipment and providing new climbing equipment for KS1.



[The PTA Helpers Whats App Group](#) is going from strength to strength so thank you to all members! The PTA message the group when we need help with something, there is no pressure or expectations at all, its all optional! If you would like to be added to the Whats App Group please text Ruth on 07775586447.

We are hoping to organise a [Ladies Fashion Show](#) with some mini beauty treatments as well as a glass or two or prosecco so watch this space for more details to follow!

[Our other proposed initiatives for 2020](#) includes Coin Challenge, Book Fairs, Second Hand Uniform sales, Father's Day Sale and many more! If you would like to be involved in any of our fundraising events or indeed have any fundraising ideas of your own we would welcome your support. Please contact us at [info@stjosephs-pta.co.uk](mailto:info@stjosephs-pta.co.uk).