

ST NICOLAS & ST MARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

Welcome to our summer PTA Newsletter 2023!

We've had a great year planning and holding some really fun events! We therefore wanted to take the opportunity to share with you all how much we have raised and to say how grateful we are for your continued support.

MONEY RAISED THIS YEAR!

| EVENTS HELD | MONEY RAISED |
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| BREAK THE RULES DAY | £704.66 |
| SANTAS BREAKFAST (INCLUDING LUCKY BUCKET) | £430.00 |
| CHRISTMAS RAFFLE | £1,613.90 |
| DONUT SALE | £232.00 |
| MOTHERS DAY SHOP | £288.00 |
| UNIFORM SALE (INCLUDES MATCH FUNDING) | £271.00 |
| EASTER EGG HUNT | £693.50 |
| SPORTS DAY | £212.60 |
| SUMMER JUBILEE FAYRE (DOESN'T INCLUDE MATCH FUNDING) | £5,065.40 |
| SUMMER CONCERT | £183.75 |
| YEAR 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE | £121.50 |
| MATCH FUNDING RECEIVED (DEC 2022) | £2,767.53 |

GRAND TOTAL = £12,583.84



WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED FROM YOUR FUND RAISING SO FAR?

- BOOKS
- AMAZING NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BUILT BY PARENTS/ CARERS!
- ICE POLES FOR CHILDREN ON SPORTS DAY
- PINS TO CELEBRATE THE KINGS CORONATION

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually as we have lots of amazing volunteers who give their time, come rain or shine! However, we would like to say a very special 'THANK YOU' to Sam Johnson and Anthi Bellman who work for Legal & General and Barclays Bank respectively. Sam and Anthi both applied for Match Funding through their employers, which has provided us with a significant boost to the funds that we have raised over the past year. Sam alone has raised £4,340.03 which is absolutely incredible!! We can't thank you enough!

This year's Summer Fayre was also made possible by our very kind sponsors - without their sponsorship, we certainly would not made the profit that we did, so thank you very much! It is much appreciated!

- ✤ BAR SPONSORS CARRIE MARPLES, GREENWAYS PROPERTY, SARAH BRIGGS
- ✤ ASSALT COURSE FULL RANGE PHYSIOTHERAPY
- FLOOR IS LAVA LC FLOORING
- GIANT SLIDE JB HEATING & PLUMBING SOLUTIONS
- HELTER SKELTER CARPENTER BOX ACCOUNTANTS
- BOUNCY CASTLE AMY HOPE
- ✤ CAFÉ HAPPY TUNES & SO SWIM

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful raffle doners who provided us with some amazing raffle prizes for our Summer Fayre! The money we raised from the raffle was wonderful so thank you!!

And last, but certainly not least, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents, carers, teachers and office staff who have supported or volunteered at our events - we really cannot do it without your help (and patience) and we are incredibly grateful.



AS A REMINDER - WHO ARE THE PTA?

We're <u>ALL</u> a part of the PTA! The PTA is made up of parents, carers and teachers led by the following core committee members:

Claire Mulcare - Co- Chair Gigi Backshall - Wilkinson - Co- Chair Nicky Cattell - Treasurer Nicola Ball - Secretary



Claire Mulcare, Co- Chair Children in: Year 6, Year 4 & Year 1

Gigi Backshall - Wilkinson, Co- Chair *Children in: Year 5 & Year 3*

Nicky Cattell, Treasurer Child in: Year 4

Nicola Ball, Secretary Child in: Year 3

L - R: Nicky, Claire, Gigi & Nicola

RECYCLING REMINDER

We are linked with Lancing Recycling and TerraCycle which means we can collect some waste that would normally go into landfill (the bins back on to the Cherry Tree Playground). These items include crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and milk bottle lids.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER RECEIVE PET FOOD PACKAGING

Please kindly contact Sarah Ringshaw or Gigi Backshall-Wilkinson, who are coordinating the recycling collection. If you have any questions, or if you can offer an hour or two on a Friday morning to help with the collection it would be very much appreciated. Please look on our Facebook page for details of what can be recycled. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/3483507418388867</u>

In summary, the PTA receive cold hard cash for the recycling that we collect as well as it being good for the planet! So far, the money that we have received has contributed towards picnic benches for the KS2 Playground, made from recycled plastic!

CLOTHES RECYCLING

We also have a bin for good quality, useable clothes and fabric, that the PTA will also receive funds for. There is a list of recycling that we accept as well as what can go into the clothing bank on the 'St Nic's Recycling' Facebook page. Please place all of your clothes in clean carrier bags and place them into bin number 7 on the Cherry Tree Playground. - Please note that for safety reasons, the School have requested for parents to not use the big green clothing bin in the carpark. Astra Recycling will not take soiled rags or carpets however Cancer Research Charity shops do take soiled rags/ damaged clothes which need to be labelled and bagged separately - it helps us to support another worthwhile charity too!



Simple ways that <u>YOU</u> can help the PTA...

- 1. **Volunteer!** If every parent/carer helped at just one event every two years, we could run all our usual events and many more.
- 2. Use **Easyfundraising** to help raise money when you shop online! Visit the website <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnics/</u>
- 3. Set up a **Direct Debit** to the PTA just £1 per month, per family or per child, or whatever you feel able to give. Please also complete a Gift Aid form if you are eligible, so that we can claim on your contributions the form is attached to this newsletter, and they are also available from the office.
- 4. Buy your children's name tags & stickers from MyNameTags.com, quoting the school ID 59580, or www.stikins.co.uk quoting School number 35375 raise money with every order!

Where does the money actually go?

Here are some of the things that we have spent your funds on in the last few years: -

- General playground resources for both playgrounds skipping ropes, hoops, ping pong balls etc.
- Paid towards some of the new computers in school
- New Rubber matting around the new outdoor gym
- Climbing Wall
- The Kiln

Most of these are items that the School simply could not have had without our help, and which benefit all of our children.

AND FINALLY . . . We're sure you'll agree how wonderful it's been to continue holding events and continue fund raising for facilities that benefit our lovely children. As always, we love to hear your ideas! We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September! Claire, Gigi, Nicky & Nicola

Keep in touch...

The easiest way to keep in touch with the PTA is through the Facebook page, School ping, Classlist and by joining us at our 'Coffee & Cake' Mornings '. Join the closed group at "St Nicolas & St Mary Primary School PTA" (Most year groups have their own pages too) or you can email us too at <u>PTAChair@stnm.org.uk</u>, <u>PTASecretary@stnm.org.uk</u> or <u>PTATreasurer@stnm.org.uk</u>





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