

In these strange times, we are still here, supporting the school and our children. Please keep in touch via the Facebook class pages and the PTA page. It is always lovely to keep up with everyone's 'Stay at Home' adventures. We had planned to send out the newsletter during the second half of the Spring term, with exciting news for our next fundraiser. Unfortunately, that is on hold for now, but as soon as we can, we will be back to supporting the school and creating memories.

Since our last Newsletter, with your help, we have raised this school year

- October Cake Sale £389.34
- Wreath Making £577.38
- Christmas Fayre £4673
- KS1 Film Night £278.84
- KS2 Film Night £180.96
- Breakfast with Santa £281.56
- Nativity refreshments £170.55
- Autumn Uniform Sale £125.70
- Spring Uniform Sale £69.10
- Valentines Cakes Sale £275.68
- Easy Fundraising £102.21
- Easter Egg Hunt £248.43
- Glow Disco £269.46

That's a *MASSIVE* £7124.32 already!!



Breakfast with Santa



Our first wreath making evening

On top of this ...
The Summer Term 2019



Our Amazing Summer Fayre and Circus raised a whopping £4464!

A lovely Thank you from our youngest children after their Christmas Party.



Thank you from your PTA:

We are extremely grateful to every single person who helps at PTA events, we couldn't do it without you. However, there are some people who went right out of their way to help last term.

Drum roll please...

- ☺ A Massive Hands together for all the class reps who helped with preparing stalls, organising their year groups, setting up and tidying up stalls and manning stalls at the Summer and Christmas Fayres. Without your help we would not have made the combined total of £9137. Not including events such as the Wreath Making, Breakfast with Santa or Sports Day refreshment selling.

- ☺ A **Huge Thank You** to everyone who has donated a fabulous Raffle prize for the Summer or Christmas Fayres in the last year
- ☺ Many thanks to all the bakers, shoppers and the Reception parents that have organised and sold the cakes at the last two cake sales and at the Christmas Fayre.
- ☺ A big **thank you** to everyone that baked or bought mince pies and for serving teas and coffees for our second '**Merry Mince Pies for Seniors**'. It was a lovely afternoon and great to see the generations interacting so positively. We even made the Shoreham Herald!!
- ☺ And the **BIGGEST THANK YOU** goes to all of you, the parents, who come and support the events, buy the cakes, play the games, provide raffle prizes etc. so that we can raise valuable funds to help support the wonderful learning our lovely school provides for our children.

Uniform Sale

We are holding some 2nd hand uniform sales in the Palace at school, for those parents whose children are back at school. They will be taking place on a Tuesday and Friday at drop off and pick up, from 23rd June. There will be good quality 2nd hand items for sale. There will be strict social distancing measures in place, with hand sanitiser on the door as you come in and no more than 2 people in the Palace at a time. It will be 1 in one out, so you may need to queue outside. You will need to bring your own shopping bags and some change as we will be asking you to put the correct money into a pot, to avoid us needing to handle money and give change. There will be a uniform donation box outside if you have uniform you would like to donate. Please make sure they are washed, names removed and left in the box inside a carrier bag. Please DO NOT take uniform donations into the school office as they will not accept them. We look forward to seeing you!

Recycling

We are now linked with Lancing Recycling and Terracycle and can collect some waste that would normally go into landfill. These items include crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, milk bottle lids and cat and dog food pouches. We can't currently have the bins on the Cherry tree playground, due to social distancing measures and everyone's safety. Please do contact Sarah Ringshaw or Gigi Backshall-Wilkinson from the PTA, who are coordinating the recycling collection, if you have recycling to drop off and we can advise you what to do with it at the moment.

Did you know...

...that just by being a parent/carer, **YOU** are a member of the PTA? So, don't wait for an invitation, come to one of our friendly meetings and get involved - we can't wait to meet you!

Simple ways that you 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 <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnics/>
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!
5. At the Summer Fayre, one of our lovely parents, who volunteered to help at the fayre, works for a large bank. Following the fayre, he applied to his employer's '**pound-for-pound match funding scheme**'. We received £707 from them! Matching what was raised on the stall he manned. This really is such a good scheme, where large companies (not just banks!) will donate to charities that are supported by their staff - some companies even give staff paid time off to volunteer. If you work for a large company, and are able to help out at an event, please do ask your HR department if there is a **MATCH FUNDING** scheme that you can apply to. If there is, do let us know and we can provide all the documentation you will need! This one parent did exactly that & now we're celebrating a huge boost to our funds - just imagine how much more we could do for our lovely school if we had access to even more of this matched funding money...

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**
- **Lego Wall**
- **Building the funds for the Daily Mile Track**

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

When we return to school, please help us to carry on fundraising for our amazing school!

What's next?

Daily Mile Track

Keep in touch...

The easiest way to keep in touch with the PTA is through the Facebook page. Join the closed group at “**St Nicolas & St Mary Primary School PTA**” (Most year groups have their own pages too).

Your committee members are here to help!

Please do come and find us in the playground with your ideas and requests, or just to chat about the PTA – we’re not scary, and at least one of us is usually there at drop off and pick up each day. Tell us what you and your children enjoy about our events, and what we can improve!

Meet your committee!



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Mum of Xavier, in Year 3, Sea
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Mum of Oliver in Year Two,
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Thank you for
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Have a fabulous Summer!