

OCTOBER 2019

St Mary's Schools PTA

Please remember EASY FUNDRAISING:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryschoolsptabaldock>

A note from your PTA Chairperson, Emma Rowe

Thank you to everyone that has supported St Mary's Schools already this year; whether you came to Bingo, have bought tickets to the Community Fireworks, bought cakes and ice creams in the playground or donated to the cause, you are helping us get there inch by inch. BUT I can't stress this enough – we need MORE! More participation, more uptake, more involvement, MORE! If you think you have received too much communication from me of late – ask yourself why. WHY would I continue to ask for help? Most directly, if the PTA stops activities now, there will be no school trips

It will be a
GREAT DAY
when **OUR**
SCHOOLS get all
the money they
need & the
politicians have to
hold bake sales to
support their
campaigns.
Robert John Meehan

or inhouse experiences between now and year end. Hardware will remain already two generations old and PHSE equipment will no longer be fit for purpose. Yes, I want central government to find that money but there are cleverer people than me who haven't yet found out how to get it...it is up to us, and by "us" I mean YOU. I look at this quote here all the time, but I reckon it'll be a long while before Boris is hosting a cake sale at No10, don't you? Like Jerry Maguire said in the film of the same name...HELP ME HELP YOU. Tell me what you want, what you really

really want (sorry, couldn't resist) and we can deliver this fundraising programme together.

Thank you everyone, let's do this!

Emma x



Dates For Your Dairy

October 21

PTA Meeting 2pm @ Juniors

October 28

Half term week

November 9

Baldock Community Fireworks, here at St Mary's
Doors open @ 5pm
First Firework @ 6.30pm

November 15

Children in Need
Details to follow soon!

November 29

Family Daily Mile @ Infants



UPDATES ON CURRENT INITIATIVES

Christmas Jumper Jumble – please keep the donations coming in! We've had some lovely festive clothes donated, but let's have a MEGA SALE – please dig into those cupboards and vacuum bags! Sale date will be announced shortly but will be end Nov/early Dec.

Children in Need – new for 2019! Your PTA wants to partner with Pudsey help children less fortunate than ourselves...and hopefully raise some money for us along the way! Details to follow soon.

Fireworks, 9th November, HERE – okay, this is getting exciting!! Tickets are on sale now and when they are gone, they are gone. If you want some, return your red form, see the School Office or shop online at Tapps Garden Centre.

EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

Who has signed up? Who's got the app on their phone? If not, **why not?** The companies on there have set this money aside in their tax breaks... we just need to ask for it. Yes, in an ideal world, they'd give it to us direct, but since utopia is a long way off, can you please just sign up today?!

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Between January and August this year, we raised £440. This school year, we are off to a gentle start, with £30.65 in September. Could we get to £1000 before July?? It'll be fun to try...and **Christmas is coming... please think of us as you stock up on those goodies!**

CHRISTMAS DISCOS – ADVANCE WARNING

Wednesday 11th December @ Infants

Thursday 12th December @ Juniors

Please contact me pta@stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk or through the school offices if you are able to volunteer – there are incentives available for helpers...contact me for details.

FUTURE PTA MEETINGS – COME AND GET INVOLVED!

Monday 21st October - 2pm @ Juniors

Thursday 14th November - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree

Thursday 5th December - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree



September & Early October Roundup

BINGO (25th Sept)

It was wonderful to welcome people from the wider Baldock Community to our September Bingo evening, even if overall turnout was a little lower than we'd have liked. We made a modest profit from ticket sales and the bar (as always!) did well.

Ice Cream Sales

Thank you to everyone who bought ice creams from our stalls on Friday afternoons. £300 has been raised from those sales and these will be used for enrichment materials for our children.

Nearly New Sale (12th Oct)

Despite a small footfall, the PTA made a modest £100 profit from the event, mainly from the cake and coffee stall – thank you for those donations, you know who you are! Those profits are being reinvested in hardware for future sales and events – WATCH THIS SPACE!