

# St Mary's Schools PTA

Please remember EASY FUNDRAISING:

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

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S AUTUMN TERM 2019!

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to all our new parents. Your PTA has an action-packed calendar planned for this year, with more ideas and events being added all the time. We are always looking for new ideas or if you have a skill which can be helpful we would love to hear from you. We are hosting a coffee morning and a PTA meeting next week, or if time doesn't allow then please grab a PTA member in the playground. Please feel free to join in with whatever capacity you can offer!

Have a great September – and beyond!

Emma x

We know there is plenty of new information to take on board at the start of any new academic year, so here's some key dates for your diary – please make a note of these key dates:

**Parents Coffee Mornings & PTA Meetings** – dates on the right!  
Please join us and hear how you can support your child(ren) and their schools.

**St Mary's Lottery** – sign up to this year's lottery and support your schools! Half the money raised each month goes to the schools and half to the lucky winner drawn at random! Letters coming out next week.

**Bingo Night** – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September @ St Mary's Church Hall  
6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets £10. Cash prizes for all calls.

**Christmas Jumper Jumble**

Please donate all pre-loved jumpers to either school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, ready for the sales in early December.



## Dates For Your Dairy

### September 9

Christmas Jumper Donations accepted @ Infants & Juniors

### September 9

PTA Coffee Morning for Parents @ Infants, 9am

### September 10

PTA Coffee Morning for Parents @ Juniors

### September 13

PTA Meeting, 9am @ Infants

### September 25

St Mary's BINGO night

### September 27

Lottery Application Deadline



## EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

Since I created the St Mary's Schools profile on Easyfundraising in February 2019, the parents/guardians/caregivers of St Mary's have earned an amazing £441. This is a phenomenal amount of money that we have all earned simply through clicking through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) or using the app before we shop. But we can do better. Only 48 shoppers from our community are responsible for this total – imagine if every single family at our schools signed up... some schools earn as much as £3k every year... COULD WE DO THAT?!

For anyone new to school, or who hasn't yet had a chance to sign up, I can't emphasise enough how important it is. You are placing the same order with the same company, just via easyfundraising, who in turn give us a percentage of your shopping basket – who knew it could be that simple?! You buy the stuff you would be buying anyway, but now those well-known brands have to donate to us as well. Over 3000 retailers are on there – all the usual suspects. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE sign up NOW!**

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Click on "Support us," set up a profile page and get shopping!

There's a great bonus as well. If you refer friend and they raise £5 then we get an extra £5 bonus. PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY, anyone who shops online, whether it's once a year at Christmas, holidays or everyday groceries.

## PTA MEETINGS – 2019/2020

Please make a note of the following dates:

Friday 13th September - 9am @ Infants  
Monday 21st October - 2pm @ Juniors  
Thursday 14th November - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree  
Thursday 5th December - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree  
Monday 13th January – 9am @ Juniors  
Friday 7th Feb - 2pm @ Infants  
Monday 9th March - 9am @ Infants  
Thursday 23rd April - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree  
June 8th June - 9am @ Infants  
Friday July 10th - 7.30pm @ Orange Tree



## 2019 Spending Review

### Disco & Stage Lighting

Installed at Juniors – we don't need to pay for DJs anymore and plays are now well lit!

### Projector @ Juniors

Your PTA stepped in to fund the £1000 funding shortfall for the new projector.

### End of term trips for Infants

The children directly benefitted from your support.

### Leavers Gifts

Presents for Y6 & Y2 students.

### Easter Egg Hunts

The children were all able to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes for all participants, fully funded by your PTA.

### St Mary's Defibrillator

All children and any visitors to the school now have access to our own defib, significantly increasing any poorly person's chances of survival.