

St Mary's Primary School PTFA Newsletter

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PTFA Purchase Physical Education and Playground Equipment

Dear Parents,

Hope you all had a lovely half term break. As you are aware, St Mary's Primary School set up its PTFA in November 2012 and we have had a very enjoyable first year. We have all worked hard and have had great success in raising vital funds through various events held.

All events were all hugely supported by the pupils, parents and teachers and we all really appreciate that support. Most importantly the children, the teachers and the parents enjoyed all the events and it brought a lovely atmosphere to the school.

From money raised the PTFA has recently funded the purchase of a range of physical education and playground equipment for both the junior and senior schools which included:

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| • volleyball nets | • football nets | • netball goals |
| • cricket equipment | • tennis coaching pack | • tennis balls |
| • sand timers | • benches | • footballs |
| • hula hoops | • play tunnels | • giant connect 4 games |
| • katcha cup set | • inflators | |

It is great to see the equipment being put to good use and the hard work of the PTFA come into fruition.

Gabrielle Dunne, Chairperson

"I would like to express our thanks to the PTFA for purchasing the much needed Physical Education and playground equipment. The pupils through their class and school councils identified what equipment was needed and are very grateful to have received the fantastic array of resources. They are put to very good use during break time and lunchtime and help make the children's free time much more enjoyable and interactive. The equipment also supports the schools efforts in encouraging the pupils to exercise on a daily basis."

Sandra O'Doherty, Principal

PTFA Purchase Physical Education and Playground Equipment

Children, staff and members of the PTFA committee with some of the equipment purchased for the junior site.



PTFA Purchase Physical Education and Playground Equipment

Children, staff and members of the PTFA committee with some of the equipment purchased for the senior site.



PTFA Update



Golf Tournament postponed

It was with sad regret that we had to cancel the Golf Tournament which was to take place on Sunday 15th September 2013 due to adverse weather conditions. This will now be held in April 2014, date to be confirmed. A huge thanks to all the local business that confirmed sponsorship for the event and provided raffle prizes. These will be held until the event takes place.

Christmas Discos

The PTFA will hold Christmas discos on Thursday 12th December in the senior school:

6.15pm to 7.15pm – Primary 1 to 4

7.30pm to 9.00pm – Primary 5 to 7

£2 per child



Being involved with or helping the PTFA

Everybody at the school is part of the PTFA, it's just up to you if you would like to be more involved. Our aim is to put the 'fun' into raising funds. Helping out others can be enjoyable, a great lesson for our children to learn. We will shortly be sending out a parent questionnaire to know a little bit about you and the events and activities that interest you.

Want to get involved?

Do you have a fab event idea in which we can all be involved?

Fancy helping out from time to time?

Would you like to be on the committee?

If you can then give us a shout! Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November 2013 at 7.30pm in the senior school site, everyone is welcome to attend.



PTFA Registered Charitable Status

Together we achieve ...

The PTFA has secured registered charity approval which means the PTFA can benefit from exemption from the payment of tax on most income, are able to receive charitable donations from local and national companies, qualifying to receive charitable donations and grants from charitable trusts, able to receive donations made through company matched giving and payroll giving schemes and eligible to apply for Gift Aid.

Annual AGM Meeting

The first Annual PTFA AGM will be organised to take place after the Christmas break, date to be agreed.

St Marys Primary School Website

The PTFA have a section on the schools recently revised website. This site will also be used to keep you updated with PTFA news and events. The schools website address is:

www.stmaryspsmelmount.com

Simply hover over the 'PTFA' crayon for access.

