

St Mary's Primary School PTFA Newsletter



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- **Golf Tournament**

Launch of St Mary's Primary School PTFA

Hello and a big warm welcome from the PTFA to all pupils, parents and friends of St Mary's Primary School.

Our principal aim as a PFTA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) is to raise funds and assist the school in providing an enriched curriculum for our children and enhance their learning experiences. The PFTA will be keeping everyone up to date through regular newsletters and in the future through the schools website.

Chairperson's Welcome

Dear Parent/Guardian

St Mary's PTFA was formed on 13th November 2012 and it was very encouraging to see many parents with so much enthusiasm. I would like to introduce myself and let you know about the PTFA plans for the forthcoming year. My name is Gabrielle Dunne and I have two daughters at the school. I am passionate about building a relationship between home and school which will benefit the children.

The PTFA plays a valuable role at St Mary's Primary raising funds to provide items which benefits all the pupils but not funded by the schools own budget. To date the PFTA have held a school disco and raffle. Future events planned include participation in St Patrick's Day Parade, bag pack at Asda and a golf tournament later in the year.

If you would like any further information regarding the PTFA, would like to become a member, help out at any specific events or have any suggestions about fundraising please do not



hesitate to contact any of the PTFA committee or alternatively drop a note into the school office for the attention of the PTFA.

We look forward to your support in the future.

Gabrielle Dunne
Chairperson of PTFA

Committee Members

“This is an exciting development for St Mary’s Primary School with the parents, friends and staff working in partnership for the benefit of our pupils.”

*Thoughts from our principal
Mrs Sandra O’Doherty*



Donna Duncan, Vice Chair



Rhona Devenney, Secretary



Karen Redstone, H&S Officer



Paul McGettigan, Treasurer



Carolyn McColgan, PR Officer

Events - Grand Christmas Draw

The PTFA organised the Grand Christmas Draw that took place on Thursday 20th December 2012.

The winners were:

Google Nexus 7 Tablet won by Eve Flanagan - sponsored by the PTFA

Childs Bicycle won by Elyse Melaugh - sponsored by St Mary's Primary School

£50 Gift Voucher won by Marcella Neeson - sponsored Abertay Training Ltd.

£50 Gift Voucher won by Catherine Catterson - sponsored Abertay Training Ltd.

ASDA Gift Voucher won by James Mullan - sponsored by ASDA, Strabane

Prizes were also given to the children who sold the highest amount of books of tickets.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the prizes for the draw. Both sites were able to participate in the draw through video link, which the children enjoyed. Big thanks to everyone involved in setting this up.

Events - Christmas Disco

The PFTA held the Christmas Disco on the senior site on Thursday 20th December 2012.

Both discos were well attended and the children really enjoyed themselves, as did many of the adults!!!

A big thank you to:

Antony Gallagher, DJ

Brian Haughey for providing tuck shop stock

Also to all the teachers, staff, parents and friends, who helped with supervision duties, tuck shop duties etc.

**Funds raised from both these events raised a total of £2873.
Thank you.**

What's coming up

- ◆ ASDA Bag Pack - Saturday 30th March 2013 from 10am to 6pm
- ◆ St Patrick's Day Parade - the school will be taking part in the parade this year.
- ◆ Golf Tournament - Sunday 15th September 2013





EASTER EGG COLOURING



Winners
in
Each
class

If
you're
not in
you
can't
win!!!

Name.....

Design your Easter Egg

use crayons, markers, pencils, paints or any add ons (eg glitter, sequins etc) that you think will make your egg look like a winner!!!

Entries to be returned to your class teacher by Friday 22nd March