

St Marys School Association (SMSA)

February 2019 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first newsletter from the newly reformed St Mary's School Association (St Mary's PTA). If you would like to know more about SMSA, please come along to our next meeting in the Nurture Hut on Friday 22nd February 2019 @ 9.30am, or please feel free to stop any member of the team for a chat.

We now have an SMSA notice board on the wall by the main entrance. This has information about events and our contact details, so you can see what we are up to.

Coming soon will also be SMSA updates on both the St Mary's school website and the Facebook page. Watch this space!

There is also a comments and suggestion box in reception so please fill free to suggest any events that you'd like to see happening at the school as well as suggestions about what you feel the SMSA should be helping the school to fund.

SMSA Logo Competition

As you know we have relaunched the St Mary's PTA and we'd love to have a logo to use on our letterhead, website and noticeboard etc. As our main aim is to raise money for the St Mary's school children, we felt that it should be the children that have an opportunity to design the logo. The design needs to be within a circle the same as the school logo and doesn't need to include any lettering as we will add that.

Entrance will be charged at 20p per design and there will be a prize for the winner as well as the winning design being used by the SMSA. We have included a template so have fun and let's see what you can come up with.

Closing date for the competition is

Wednesday 27th February 2019.

SMSA Committee Members

Chair

Becky Maurice-Cohen

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Vice Chair

Tracey Crouch

Treasurer

Carolyn Gray

Secretary

Tina D'Silva

We are planning lots of activities and events! If you would like to join the committee, come to a meeting or help at an event, please get in touch.

We are a very friendly group of parents and teachers and you will be very welcome.

Email:

pta@stmarysprimary.org.uk

Christmas Activities

Although brand new, the SMSA ran several fund-raising events in the run up to Christmas last year, including the Key Stage 2 disco; a refreshment stall at the Key Stage 1 Christmas productions and the 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' event. Members of staff and the PTA committee (with the kind help of Jo and Christopher Godfrey) also supported the Rotary Clubs Santa Sleigh collection both around the Downside neighbourhood and outside Sainsburys.

We raised around £900.00 so thank you to all that supported us.

The SMSA were proud to work alongside Father Christmas in providing books for the children's presents during his classroom visits just before Christmas.

Class Representatives

We are looking for two representatives from each year group to help us both communicate SMSA events and help drum up support when its needed.

Thank you to Becky Tillcock who has already volunteered for the Reception role. It won't take a great deal of your time and just involves talking to the other parents in your child's year group. If you are interested, please let one of the committee know.

We are particularly looking for class reps in years 2-6.

Please ask us for more info!

Upcoming events

We are planning a number of events. Please look out for information on:

Collections of preloved uniform, toys and unwanted Christmas gifts

Pancake Sale

Sports Day SMSA Cafe