



# Friends Of St Marys

## FOSM Autumn Term Newsletter

*"Making School A Community"*  
Charity Number 1182962

### Hello Everybody!

Thanks for giving us some time as the new committee to find our feet! For those of you new to the school, we are a group of parents who help raise much needed money to help the school fund projects and enrich children's time whilst at St Marys.

### Our Mission for 2023/24

- ★ Continue to spark joy and sprinkle fun at every given opportunity!
- ★ Work closely with the school to fund and support key projects
- ★ Bring the communities of school and home closer together

### First things first..



### We need you.. no honestly we do!

With only 3 of us it's going to be hard to run events on the scale we would like to and we're sure on the scale you would like to see, so we are desperately in need of more people to help. There are SO many ways you can get involved and support the school and just a few ideas are below..

- ★ Can you help set up and run events? Many hands make light work..
- ★ Are you an ideas person? Why not come and join a meeting or message us what you have in mind..
- ★ Are you a designer? Could you help design posters for our up and coming events..
- ★ Are you in marketing or PR? Can you help make our social pages grab attention..
- ★ Do you run a business or work for one that could support the school in anyway..
- ★ Are you crafty, can you make anything that we can sell at an event..
- ★ Can you bake or if not bake, buy and support one of the monthly bake sales..

# So what have we been up to so far?

## Clothing for the Woodland

The school would like children to be able to utilize the woodland area throughout the winter and money raised by the FOSM will buy Reception, Y1 & Y2 waterproofs so they can enjoy getting out and about asap! If this is successful we will look to roll this out for older years asap.

## Book Fair October 10/11/12th

There is always fun and excitement when the Book Fair comes to school and Lauren Rogerson has kindly offered to run this again for us. Please don't forget every book that is bought at the Book Fair gives a credit for the school to choose a book. Mrs Laycock is currently choosing the new books from last year's credits and they should be in school soon. We will keep you posted!

## Library Update

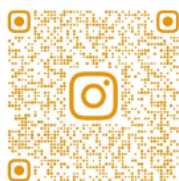
Reading remains, as always, a super high priority for the school and our school library is always welcoming of any books that you would like to pass onto other children. Lauren Rogerson, Claire Clarke and Michelle Leung also kindly donate their time during the week to run this for the school and the FOSM will support the library by buying £150 of books in subjects and categories that are much needed.

## Card Machine

At the next FOSM event we are pleased to let you know you will be able to pay by card as well as cash! We know life is busy and having cash on you is not always easy so we are also hoping to be able to add FOSM events to the Parent Pay App as another way to make it easier for you to donate to events, watch this space.

## Do you know we now have an Instagram FOSM page as well as a FB one?

Please give us a follow  
@Friendsofstmarysprimary



@FRIENDSOFSTMARYSPRIMARY

## Autumn Stay & Craft - Wednesday 25th

### October

Please come and join us after school before we break up for Half Term. With enough help we hope to be able to have tables of autumn crafts, hot chocolate, cakes and guess the name of the Fox! We know it's difficult to get a day when everyone can come along but we hope those of you that can, will come and say hello.

## Dress Down Day - Thursday 26th October

We know children love these days so to have a bit of fun on the last day of term Children will be allowed to come in their own clothes and if they can bring in a £1 to do so then great!



There we've said it! Christmas! The children have been busy creating their Christmas card designs over the past couple of weeks and their Christmas cards will be available to buy in November.

## Pantomime Fun and Gifts at Christmas

We are pleased to confirm the Pantomime will be returning in December. Oh no it won't, oh yes it will! We know how much the children enjoy this so it was a must for us to fund! As in previous years

We are in chats with Painting Pots to set a date for Christmas Decoration Painting as well as hopefully a Wreath Making evening, more news to come!

Our next meeting will be chatting all things Christmas so come get involved. Call details will come out nearer the time.

**Save the date for the Christmas Fair**

**Friday 8th December 3.30-5.30pm**

Abbé Steele-Howe - Chair / Dave Bridson - Treasurer / Lizzy Bridson Volunteer



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