

# Friends of St Marys Charity

“Making School a Community”

Charity No. 118296

Newsletter – May 2023



## Summary

- ✓ Get your thinking caps on - FOSM Quiz
- ✓ With a little help from my friends...
- ✓ AGM
- ✓ Woodland tidy
- ✓ Summer fun
- ✓ Recent fundraising

## Dates for the diary

- ✓ 19th May, after school - Stay and Play
- ✓ 16th Jun, evening - FOSM Quiz
- ✓ 28th Jun, 730pm (Zoom) - AGM
- ✓ 14th Jul, after school - Picnic and Play
- ✓ TBC - woodland tidy

## How can you help?

- ✓ Easy Fundraising:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmaryskn/aresborough/>
- ✓ Charity Eats: Charity Eats App or Website  
(<https://www.charityeats.co.uk/>)
- ✓ Join the Committee
- ✓ Make a donation

## Who are the Committee?

Chair: Vanessa Duckenfield

Treasurer: Lianne Baker

Trustee: Kelly Harmar

School representative: Jane Moore

## Contact the Committee

Speak to one of us in the playground

Email: [friendsofstmarys2018@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarys2018@gmail.com)

Facebook: [Friends of St Mary's](#)

It's been a while since we've been in touch but we've some exciting plans ahead.

## **Get your thinking caps on - FOSM Quiz**

The annual adults-only FOSM quiz will be held in school on the evening of Fri 16th June. £5 per person; BYO drinks (alcohol allowed) and snacks. More details to follow. If you're able to donate a small raffle prize, please take it to the school office. All donations gratefully received.

## **With a little help from my friends...**

The committee which has been in place for almost 3 years (Vanessa Duckenfield, Kelly Harmar and Lianne Baker) will be retiring in July. Abbe Steele-Howe (mum to Charlie in reception) will be taking on the Chair of the new committee, but she can't do it on her own! If you want to find out more or are able to join the committee, please speak to any of Abbe, Vanessa, Kelly or Lianne or email [friendsofstmarys2018@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarys2018@gmail.com). You're also welcome to attend the committee meetings, held on the 1st Tue of every month at 8pm on Zoom.

## **AGM**

The FOSM AGM will be held via Zoom at 730pm on Wednesday 28th June. We need your support for the AGM, so if you're able to spare a few minutes to dial-in for the meeting, the committee would be very grateful.

## **Woodland tidy**

The woodland tidy in March was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along to help. Future dates TBC.

## **Summer fun**

The popular stay and play events which were held last summer are back. A relaxed stay and play event will be held after school on Fri 19th May with tea, coffee, cakes, ice-creams and (if the weather's kind) some garden games, while our picnic and play will be held after school on Fri 14th July. More details to follow but if you are able to help us out by providing a cake (homemade, granny-made or shop-bought) on 19th May, we would really appreciate it.

## **Recent fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter egg raffle, May cake raffle (thank you to Rosie for organising and the bakers for baking!) and last week's book fair. The effects of your cake raffle generosity means that we can help to subsidise school trips.

**Unity, Respect, Joy, Love, Courage**