



St. Mark's CEP School

# PTA Newsletter

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## Are you ready for May Fayre fun?

WE ARE holding a **May Fayre on Saturday 12 May** this year, so please put this date in your diary. You can expect all the usual fun and games, food and refreshments and a programme of dance and music that will showcase our talented children. There will also be a selfie booth, free games for children and a craft area.

As well as being fun family events, our fayres are great fundraisers for St Mark's PTA — the Christmas Fayre **raised £2,671.24**, which is available to the school to support your children's education.

We hope you will support the May Fayre with a **few donations**. We would like bottles for the bottle tombola; games and toys for school-age children; and items for a rainbow hamper raffle.

### Raffle prizes

The grand raffle is another great fundraiser for us. If your workplace can help out with **raffle prize donations**, or you have a local contact who would like to support us with a prize, please let us know. Meals out, treatments, classes and tickets for shows and events are all great prizes.

We receive £5 from YourMove in exchange for each address willing to display a signboard advertising the fayre. Contact the PTA if you are interested in this. Plenty of volunteers are needed to ensure the May Fayre goes ahead, so please look out for calls-to-action on your year group's Facebook pages.

We would also love to have a **maypole and some Morris men!** Can anyone help us out with this?



*If you have any questions please catch a PTA member at the school gates, or you can contact us by emailing [secretarytn4@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytn4@gmail.com) or drop a message in at the school office; or you can find us [on Facebook](#).*

### PTA Diary dates

**Thursday 19 April, 7.30pm:** May Fayre meeting at the Duke of York on the Pantiles

**Friday 27 April:** bring toys for the toy tombola and an item for the rainbow hampers

**Friday 4 May:** bring a bottle for the tombola in exchange for non-uniform

**Friday 11 May:** bring cakes for the cake stall

**Thursday 14 June, 7.45pm:** PTA meeting in the staffroom at school

## Gardens, choir coach and colourful playground improvements

AS WELL as supporting home-school links by organising events for the parents, children and staff, the PTA plays an important fund-raising role. Our constitution says that our funds are to pay for items requested by the school that will enhance our children's education.

Here are some of the things we have funded recently.

### **Choir coach**

The PTA helped pay for the coach that took our choir to the Young

Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London. The concert was much enjoyed by parents and singers.

### **Out to play**

Have you seen the new bright tables in the KS1 playground? Aren't they enticing! The PTA funded these at the school's request.

We are also waiting to hear what the school needs to **enhance the KS2 playground**, and have been joining the discussions at every opportunity.

### **Garden goods**

When Sarah and Toni asked for £50 to buy some plants and baskets for the school garden, the PTA was delighted to oblige.

The pots and flower beds all round the school are managed by Sarah, Toni and Eco Club. They really enhance the appearance of the site and make the grounds look bright, welcoming and cared for. Thanks to all concerned for their efforts.

## We have grand plans this school year: come and join the fun!

TREASURER Fe Moynihan tells us we've got a highly respectable £7,914 in the bank, so we've decided to focus a little more on fun.

As well as the May Fayre on **Saturday 12 May**, we will be holding

several other events to help children, parents and school staff socialise and have fun while raising cash for projects and items that will enhance our children's school experience.

### **Race Night**

Governor David Hill will

host a race night. Details to follow.

### **School discos**

The PTA will be hosting our popular school discos again this term, including a smaller party for EYFS.

Look out for news, and volunteering opportuni-

ties, or speak to Laura Burden and Jane Miller if you'd like to get involved.

### **Camp out**

We've decided to hold a family camp-out on the school grounds on **30 June** – please save the date!

## Look for St Mark's CEP School Tunbridge Wells on Facebook!