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Thank you to everyone for supporting our 2018/19 events, we look forward to working with you all again for another year!

Elected Committee for 2019 - 2020

PTA CHAIR	PTA TREASURER
Susan Clancy Corinne Darroux	Gianina Tanaj Rima Mahfouz

FUNDS RAISED SO FAR

Ongoing since joining	Easy Fundraising	£2,057.08
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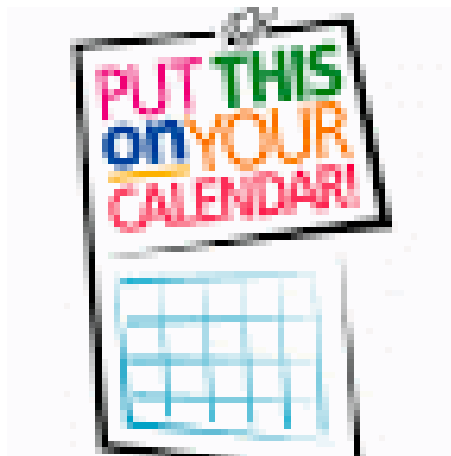
AUTUMN TERM

20 th September	Uniform Sale	£427.00
30 th October	Halloween Disco	£713.31
13 th November	International Evening	£85.84
29 th November	Christmas Fair	£1,290.88



St Mary's Brook Green PTA NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM		
TBC	Cake Sale	
14th February	Valentine Disco	
24 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade	
UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER TERM		
TBC	Uniform Sale	
TBC	Cake Sale	
TBC	Summer Disco	
17 th June	St Mary's Got Talent	
4th July	Summer Fair	





PTA : The Reality vs The Myth

You have to join to be a member of the PTA

All parents are already members if you have a child at the school. You don't need to sign up or commit yourself to anything, you just help if and when you can.

The PTA is only for stay-at-home parents with nothing else to do.

Your fellow PTA members are family and community members who want to support the children and the school. Every single, currently participating member is juggling a job, bills, household chores, kids, clubs, and homework, just like you!

Events run each term so there must be lots of help from other parents, I'm not needed.

As much as we would love this to be true, it isn't. We are lucky that we have a number of parents who have given so much of their time and energy over the years to help at these events so we don't have to cancel them but we have come close – more times than we would like!

As each school year ends we lose help from those families that move onto secondary education so we always need to add to the PTA when it naturally reduces each year.

If I attend a PTA meeting I'll get pressured to help at events.

Whilst this is a great opportunity to list the help needed to run each event, we don't pressure parents/carers to help.

There may be small but vital tasks you can commit to which won't interfere with work and home life, e.g.

- Fund matching via your or your family members work place.
- Speaking to local shops or restaurants that you go to regularly about donations for our Fairs while you do your own shopping or eat out. We find that existing customers get the best response when requests are made. Every little helps and we provide letters of authorisation from the school for you to distribute.
- Adding the Easy Fundraising app to your phone, laptop or tablet so you can raise money for no extra effort and asking your family and friends to do the same
- Choosing us as your charity when ebaying your unwanted items

Everyone knows each other

Just like you, we all started not knowing what to expect and we didn't all know each other before volunteering. It's a great way to meet fellow parents and carers. We are a friendly bunch and try to have fun along with the children!

My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTA

Not only does volunteering put you in direct communication with other parents and teachers, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience. Research has proven that parental involvement within the child's school increases academic achievements and decreases behavioural issues.

Also, the PTA does so much to make the child's school experience better. If everyone felt this way, none of these wonderful activities and supports would be available to your child(ren)!



AN INSIGHT INTO HOW ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE EVENTS ARE RUN

To give you an idea of how much help is needed for a disco I have listed tasks needed for a Disco

Set up for EY disco (10 – 15 volunteers)

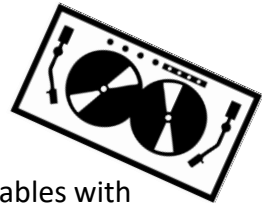
Tasks : Carrying in the food order/sweets/decorations/equipment etc from the shed to the Set up room. Getting the balloons blown up and decorating the hall , tables moved and set up, sharing snacks laid out, popcorn machine set up and running, candy floss machine up and running, water dispensers washed and filled with spares refrigerated

During (7 volunteers)

Tasks : Serve water, snacks, keep the hall tidy and free from spills, prepare hotdogs ready for the older disco.

Set up for older disco (10 volunteers)

Tasks : Clear floor of any spills, clear rubbish and tables for next disco, set up tables with crisps, sweets, novelties, cut buns for hot dogs and bring to main hall, re fill water dispensers, refresh bin liners around the hall, clear area for face painting and set up tables



During (Min of 11 to cover stalls)

Tasks : Running stalls (usually 8), popcorn, candy floss, face painting, crisps, cakes, sweets, novelties, hot dogs, drinks

Final Clear up (15 + volunteers)

Tasks : Pack away tables, clear rubbish, wash popcorn machine, candy floss machine, slow cookers, clean the kitchen, return all items to shed, sweep floors, put away tables, take down decorations, pack shed and put out the rubbish for collection.





Easy Fundraising

Please sign up to #easyfundraising and help us raise FREE funds for St Mary's RC Primary PTA when you're doing your everyday shopping online.

THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR US!

Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!! This short video explains how simple it is and it doesn't cost you anything – <http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>.

Sign-up using our unique

link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2IT4SK/1M39L4>

Easy Fundraising is literally an “easy” way to help the school raise funds!

Brands such as Amazon, Argos, M&S, Next, John Lewis, and many others can donate part of what you spend online to the school.

You don't pay any more: these brands take out a percentage of how much you spend to give it to the school.

It will take less than 5 minutes to set up. All you need to do is:

1- Follow this link to Easy Fundraising: <http://pta-uk.easyfundraising.org.uk/support/> or go to EasyFundraising.org and “Support your PTA”.

2- In the search box, type in the school's postcode (W14 0LT) and select “St Mary's RC Primary PTA”.

3- Download the Find & Remind toolbar that will tell you when you are on a website that can donate to the school.

Happy shopping!

New fundraising initiative for 19/20

We are now a registered charity with **Ebay**, so if you are a keen seller you can select “**St Mary's RC Brook Green**” from the charity list to donate a % of your sale



Match Funding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

Below is a list of companies that we understand currently match gifts donated by employees. If your employer is not listed, please contact your Human Resources department to find out if they operate a matching gift scheme. In most cases, the company will match your donation pound for pound up to a specific level.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA.

Current companies running Match Funding schemes

3i	ABN Amro	Accenture
Abbey National Plc	Alliance & Leicester	Alliance Capital
Alfred Dunhill	Andersen	Anglian Water
American Express	Arla Foods	ARM Holdings
Argos	ASSEAL	Astra Zeneca
Asda	BAA	Bank of America
AT Kearney	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi
Bank of England	Barclays Capital	Barclays Group
Bankers Trust	BG Group	BOC Group
Barclays Wealth	Boots	Boston Consulting Group
Boeing Commercial Airplanes	Bradford & Bingley	Bristol-Myers Squibb
BP	British American Tobacco	British Gas
BT Cable & Wireless	Camelot	Capgemini
BT	Carlsberg Tetley	Celanese
Capital International Research	Centrica	Chase Manhattan
Canada Inc	Citigroup	Cooperative Bank
Foundation Citibank	Coutts Bank	Credit Suisse First Boston
Cornhill Insurance	Deloitte Consulting	Deutsche Bank
De La Rue		



Current companies running Match Funding schemes Continued....

DHL	Diageo	Dixons
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	Eli Lilly	EMI
Energis	Ericsson	Telecom
Ernst & Young	Experian	Exxon Mobil
Fidelity Investments	First Bus	First Group
Ford Motor Company	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Goldman Sachs
Guardian Royal Exchange	Halifax	HSBC
IBM	IDEO	Industrial Bank of Japan
Invensys	J P Morgan	Johnson & Johnson
Kellogg's	Kingfisher	KPMG
Legal & General	Littlewoods	Lloyds TSB
Marks & Spencer	Marsh & McLennan Companies inc.	McKinsey & Co
Mercury Asset Management	Merrill Lynch	Microsoft
Midlands Electricity	Misubishi Research Institute	Morgan Stanley Dean
Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	Moody's Investor Services	National Power
Witter	National Grid Transco	NFC
Natwest	NCR Corporation	O2
Northern Electric	Norwich Union	Pfizer
Pearson	Peugeot	Philip Morris Companies Inc (Altria Group Inc)
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Philips	PPG Industries Foundation	Procter & Gamble (USA)
Coopers Procter & Gamble	Procter & Gamble (USA)	Reuters
Robert Fleming & Co	Rolls Royce	Royal & Sun Alliance
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	Royal London Mutual Alliance	Schroders
Schroder Salomon Smith Barney	Seaboard	Shell
Siemens Medical Sigma Securities	SIT Investment Associates Foundation	Southern Electric
Sky Broadcasting	Smithkline Beecham	Standard & Poor's
Stagecoach Group	Stagecoach Holdings	Tesco
Sun Life of Canada	Swiss Bank Corporation	UBS
Thames Water	The Economist Group	United Airlines
Warburg	Uniliver	Warner Music
United Utilities	Vodafone	Woolwich
International	William M Mercer	
Yorkshire Water		