



AGM SUMMARY 2022

ST MARY'S PTA (CARSHALTON)



St Mary's PTA (Carshalton),
 St Mary's Catholic Federation, West Street, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 2PT.
 Registered charity number: 1083151

Current Trustees of St Mary's PTA (Carshalton):

Dom Moret
 (Trustee)
 Children in Y1, Y3 & Y6



Lara Kenneavy
 (Chair)
 Children in YR & Y6



Shirley Meyers
 (Vice-Chair)
 Child in Y1



Darren Mantle
 (Treasurer)
 Child in YR



By default, we are ALL members of the PTA– please get involved!

Summary of Chair's Report:

With less restrictions this past year, we have managed to reinstate some of the much-loved events as well as introduce some new ones. Over the last 12 months, the PTA have raised a tremendous £13 848.60 Thank you to every single parent or carer who has donated their time, resources or spent money at our events - you have helped to make this possible.

The Christmas Trail was a highlight for me. Despite the rain, so many of our community came out to join us to walk the streets of Carshalton, enjoying the Christmas lights and hot waffles with their families with the added bonus of making reindeer food and having photos with Elsa, Anna and Father Christmas. The Junior Disco was back by popular demand in February and the feedback we received from parents was heartwarming. To publish our very first St Mary's Cookbook was superb, such a great way of celebrating our diverse community.

This financial year, we have donated over £16,000 to the school. As a PTA we chose to focus our donations on developing Reading and the Arts this year. The infant children had a visiting Theatre company performing Aladdin in December and each Juniors child was donated £10 to subsidise a Theatre or Arts experience that will be scheduled this calendar year. Every class was gifted new books for their reading areas at Christmas. Most excitingly, the PTA have donated £10,000 towards the refurbishment of the Junior Library. Plans are underway and we cannot wait for the children to enjoy their new library.

In addition to our trustees, we have a core group of around 10 PTA representatives forming the extended committee who play key roles in keeping the PTA running successfully, including Mrs Hulme, who is our staff representative. We are very grateful for these volunteers for showing such commitment to the charity, as without them we wouldn't be able to organise the fun events for our children or raise funds that can be spent on our school.

The number of representatives on the wider PTA committee has decreased this year and as a result many of the events we wanted to run couldn't be run due to a lack of capacity within the team. We would love to welcome new representatives onto the team. You can donate as little or as much time as you have available but your support would be gladly received. If you would like to get more involved in any capacity, please contact me through your class rep.

We are very excited for the year ahead, especially with the planning for our first Summer Fayre for three years, being well underway. The children of St Mary's are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated community supporting them.

**Thank you for all of your support,
 Lara Kenneavy**

Summary of School's Report:

Thank you to the many parents who have taken time out of their own busy world to make a difference to daily life for the children by enhancing the resources and opportunities in each school. The staff and governors really appreciate the events that not only raise the much needed funds but also support community life for us all. We give most appreciative thanks to the officers who are stepping down whilst also thanking those who are joining the team. This leads change over time but the main aim remains just as important to make contributions to the school to allow all children to benefit.

We ask that if you have even small amounts of time to attend a coffee morning or greater availability to take on greater responsibility - perhaps with a couple of friends, our PTA is a worthwhile group to join. We thank each and everyone of our parents for making our community active and ask for God's blessings in the continuation in future years.

**With heartfelt thanks to you all,
 Mrs Hulme**

Summary of Treasurer's Report:

We raised: £13,848.60. We donated: £16,641.64

In our third year as a joint PTA we raised £13,848.60 compared to £6,618.40 last year. Due to Covid-19 the Summer Fayre and the Infants Christmas Fayre were cancelled again but we still managed to raise a huge amount for our school:

- The Juniors Christmas Fayre went ahead with the restriction of Children Only and it raised **£1,402** in one afternoon!
- Sponsored Read over Easter break 2021 was very popular and raised **£1,572**, huge thank you to those who contributed.
- Two Krispy Kreme sales at Juniors made **£824** and the two Cookie sales at Infants came in at **£390**.
- At the end of summer term the PTA gave away ice lollies asking parents kindly to donate towards it and the PTA raised **£414**.
- The Summer Fun packs made **£165** and the Summer Raffle that was held on an online platform came in at **£645**.
- The growing a sunflower challenge raised **£60**.
- The 50/50 lottery was not as popular and made less than half of the takings from last year, still a good event at **£372**.
- Tea towels & totes sales were down 30% to last year coming in at **£384**. We are looking into getting a new supplier onboard for the new school year, keeping the pre order only concept so no overspending will occur.
- The Band night in the pub hosted by a Junior parent raised **£215!**
- St Mary's first ever Cookbook was immensely popular and almost 250 copies have been sold, raising **£1,170**.
- The Christmas Trail came back bigger and better and profited **£1,055!**
- The Infant school Christmas Shop made a staggering **£1,262**, which all was donated to Sutton Nightwatch.
- Our Christmas Raffle across both schools was done with real tickets this year instead of using an online platform and raised **£988!**
- Christmas Cards at both schools profited the PTA **£679**, highest sales to date!
- Second hand Uniform sales are finally back after Covid-19 put a stop to it and has raised **£101** so far.
- The Autumn Junior Disco was sadly cancelled at the last minute due to Covid-19 but the Spring one managed to go ahead with splitting the children in lower and upper school, which meant having two discos in the same day. **£410** was raised.
- Second hand book sale was another popular event that profited **£240** in one afternoon!
- Children in Y1 and Y2 had a magician visit before Easter break 2022 and raised **£376**.
- Match Funding/CAF donations from parents came in at **£350**, massive thank you to those who helped.
- Shopping incentives from AmazonSmile, EasyFundraising and Stikins gave the PTA **£683.76!** A whopping 65% increase from last year! **Thank you to the parents and families who are onboard and if you haven't already signed up, please do so as every penny counts and it's to no cost for you. All these online platforms donate to the PTA when you shop!**

As well as the donations mentioned in the Chair's report, the PTA also supports the Year 2 and Year 6 End of Year events. Last year, Y2 had Crazy Clare come to entertain them one afternoon, and the Y6's leaving party pizzas were donated by the PTA. And finally, I am stepping down as Treasurer and Trustee of St Mary's PTA. I have truly loved being a part of this amazing team of dedicated parents who selflessly work towards the same goal. From the parents on the committee who spend endless hours planning and keeping the PTA up and running, to all other parents who help, whether it's in volunteering their time or in donating ££, every little helps make this PTA the success that it is! And massive thanks to all the teachers and staff that help run so many of these events!

All the best St Mary's PTA in all your future endeavours and events!

Lisa Safadi



We are very grateful for **all** of the volunteers we have had over the year but every event has to be led by one or more willing volunteers and we would like to extend a special thank you to those individuals who have gone above and beyond this year: *Nuria De Las Llanderas (Cook Book, Ice Lollies, Christmas Cards, Junior Disco & Junior Christmas Fayre), Maria Genco (Estate Agent Boards & Sunflower Competition), Anna Ritson-Raab (Cookie Sale, Summer Fun Packs, Christmas Cards & Christmas Trail), Darren Mantle (Book Sale), Mairead Agnew (Cook book & Book Sale), Rebecca Donahoe (Sponsored Read & Raffle), Anna Zogbessou (Cookie Sale), Lisa Safadi (Sponsored Read, Junior Christmas Fayre, Krispy Kremes & Junior Disco), Shirley Meyers (Summer Raffle & Infant Entertainer), Lara Kenneavy (Christmas Shop & Uniform Sales), Irene Padilla (Uniform Sales), Tea Towels (Nadine Cook), Richard Watkins (Band Night) and Elizabeth Matuzewska (all events!).*

Sadly, we have three trustees stepping down this year: Rebecca Donahoe, Lisa Safadi and Emily Dwyer. We thank them all for the incredible commitment they have shown the charity over recent years.

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If you would like to get involved or share ideas, please contact us through your Class Representatives.