

October Newsletter

Dear all,

Welcome to the new look monthly newsletter from the Friends of St Mary's. For those new to our school, the 'Friends' is our PTA - a registered charity who aim to raise additional funds for the school whilst fostering community and friendship across our School Family.

Over the years, the Friends have been very successful in their mission, raising more and more funds year on year and allowing the school to undertake some fantastic projects which might otherwise have been impossible.

This year, with the restrictions posed by COVID-19, it will be more challenging than ever to raise funds. We are going to have to come up with innovative ways to do this and hope we can count on you to support these initiatives throughout the school year.

If you have any ideas or would like to lend you support, please drop us an [email](#), or send us a message via our [Facebook](#) page.

Best Wishes

Samira & The Friends

Fund Raising

Thanks to the Cartwright Family and members of the Friends who sat outside on a grey Sunday afternoon to man a table stall in aid of the Friends. They managed to raise a fantastic £278.56.

Smile Contributions

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of every eligible purchase to a charity of your choice? Shop from Amazon at smile.amazon.co.uk and choose "Friends of St Marys (Bassingbourn)" and the school will receive this donation.



New Committee

Thank you to all of those who attended our online AGM, which was a great success. At the meeting, a new committee was elected as follows:



Chair

Samira
Ceccarelli
(Fairweather)



Treasurer

Liam
Austin



Secretary

Ashley
Cartwright



Communications Officer

Emilie
Lemons Golding

The School, Governors and Friends would like to thank Eduardo, Rachel and Michelle, the outgoing committee, for all of their hard work and enterprise. All three will continue as integral members of the Friends.

Getting Ready for Christmas

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we will be unable to host the Christmas Fayre this year, depriving us of what is usually our key opportunity to raise funds for the school.

Fear not, however, we have plans!! Whilst it might seem very far away, we are already making preparations and looking for your support with the following:

Raffle Prizes

We will be going ahead with the Christmas Raffle this year, albeit with a digital announcement of the draw.

We would welcome raffle prizes from local businesses or individuals, all of whom will be listed in these newsletters, on our social media pages and on the school website. These could be objects, vouchers or experiences. Or even cash prizes. Please email us if you have anything suitable: friendsofstmarysroyston@gmail.com

Advertising Opportunity

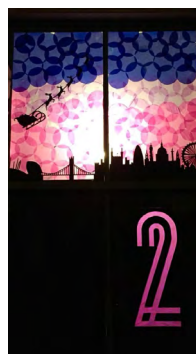
Where we would usually produce a brochure for the Christmas Fayre, including advertising space, this year we will be producing a Christmas Activity Book which we will be selling for a small fee at the end of term. From puzzles and recipes, to Christmas Crafts and Magic Tricks, we're hoping that most of our parents will be buying a copy.

If you are a local business who would like to advertise and / or include discounts for our school community, please get in touch: friendsofstmarysroyston@gmail.com

Advent Windows

We are looking for 24 volunteers to transform their front window over advent into a stained glass window. Each day of advent, a new house in Royston will reveal their number, keeping them lit between 5pm and 7pm each evening until Christmas.

Please get in touch with Emilie for more details: mllcitrans@gmail.com



Fantasy Football League

For those of you who already have a team in the 2020/2021 Fantasy Premier League, we have created the St. Mary's Royston SuperLeague!

The winning team will win a cash prize (TBC) and the inaugural and prestigious FPL St Mary's Trophy.

Joining the mini-league couldn't be easier. Simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game.

fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/yslftbc

League Code: **yslftbc** if you already have a team

£5 entry payable to the Friend's Bank Account (please put your name as a reference):

Friends of St. Mary's (Business Account)

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