

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

February 2020 Newsletter



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Welcome to the Spring term. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas and New Year (it seems a long time ago now!)?

We have just had our first meeting of 2020 and wanted to share the exciting plans we have for this year and give you some dates for your diary.

We would love to have new parents to be available to help on the day of our events, all help is extremely welcome. If you would like to get involved, whether it's helping at a disco or manning a stall at the Christmas Fayre, then please get in touch via the above e-mail address. It's a great way to meet new people and get involved in the school community.

Christmas Fayre Update

Thank you to all of you who attended, donated and helped at our Fayre in December. The generous raffle prize donations were most appreciated and made it an extremely successful event with the total raised on the night was £4400!!

A huge thank you to Kerry Bullock who used her employer Barclays Bank's match funding scheme which has doubled the monies raised on the tombola stalls. If you work for an employer who operates a charity match funding scheme then please do let us know. It is a brilliant way to raise money for the school.

We had some chocolates, toiletries and other items left over after the Fayre which were donated to the Gloucester City Mission Foodbank and were gratefully received.

Dates for your diary

- Infant and junior discos are booked for Monday 30th March and Monday 6th July.
- Family Quiz Night 24th April to raise funds for the School Library
- VE Day celebration 15th May
- Summer Event Friday 3rd July

VE Day Celebration

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day this year, we would like children (and teachers and support staff!) to embrace all things 1940's and dress up for school. Because of the year 6 SAT's, we will be celebrating the following week on the 15th May. Ideas for costumes are wartime evacuees, land girls, military costumes, Winston Churchill (we're looking at you Mr Jordan!!) etc. We are hoping to have a themed lunch menu and some 1940's themed playground games.

Family Quiz Night

On Friday 24th April we will be hosting our first ever family quiz night. Our main focus for fundraising this part of the year is to help restock and update the school library.

We will have food and refreshments available to buy on the night and want to involve parents, teachers and pupils on the night. Please keep this date free and look out for more information as the date draws closer.

Katy Devane Vice-chair

I have two children at St Mary's, Eddy who is in Year 6 and Annie who is in Reception. We became part of St Mary's when my son joined in 2018. I was also a pupil at the school a long, long time ago!!

I have been a Nurse for 13 years and am currently working as a Health Visitor. I became a member of FOSM last year, initially to help out but everyone was so friendly and welcoming and I saw what a positive impact all the fundraising has in providing much needed equipment for the children that I became a committee member.



I then went on to become Vice Chair this year. FOSM is such an important Charity, it gives our children the opportunity to participate in fun events, whilst raising much needed funds to support school in providing resources and experiences for the children.

We are always keen to welcome new members into FOSM, I know we all have busy lives and sometimes it can seem difficult to fit everything in. But please don't let that put you off we are very grateful for any help or support you can provide.

I look forward to seeing you all at FOSM events and in the playground.