

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our **Spring 2019 Newsletter**, bringing you the latest news from St Martin's School PTA.

General news:

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on 19 March.

The new Committee, elected at the AGM is:

- Chair - Sam Caffrey
- Secretary - Lucy Wright
- Treasurer - Karen Shatford
- General Committee members - Su Hannah, Jo Doyle, Gina Perestrelo, Lucy Eder

Our new [Constitution](#) was also approved, replacing our outdated Constitution with one which incorporates new requirements such as GDPR compliance.

Like online shopping?



We've registered with easyfundraising, a great website where you can help us raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!'. It's completely free and really easy to us, so please sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinsschoolpta/

Do you have a skill that could assist us? Do you work for a company that likes to help its local community? If so, please let us know! We are particularly keen at present to hear from you if you have catering links....

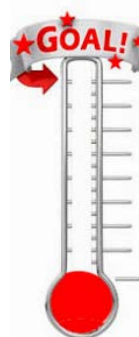
Minibus update:



At present the PTA is committed to paying for the ongoing lease of the school minibus. As this seven year lease expires in a few months' time, we've been doing lots of research into our options for the future.

We would love to buy our own minibus, enabling us to free up PTA funds to pay for additional resources and experiences for the children. So, we are currently busy approaching local businesses and organizations with a view to raising donations/grants towards the £35,000 it would cost to buy a minibus. Whilst we have already received a few generous donations, there's still a very long way to go. If you know of an organization that might be willing to help us, please do get in touch. All donations, no matter the size, will be gratefully received.

The minibus is an invaluable asset to the school making over 150 trips each year, allowing our children access to off-site learning and sporting opportunities that wouldn't be possible otherwise. The cost of hiring coaches for these trips would be prohibitive, so the minibus really is a vital resource, though unfortunately not one that can be paid for from the school budget.



Watch out for our Fundraising Thermometer, which we hope to have on display soon.

We currently have £2200

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Latest events:

Our events aren't just about raising money, we like the children to have fun too. But if you're interested to know how much we raised, here are the totals:

- Christmas fete: £1,520
- Movie night: £349
- Valentines cake sale: £251
- Book sale: £121
- Uniform sale: £59
- Porridge morning: £81

A big thank you to everyone who supported these events, to those who donated books and cakes, to the companies who provided prizes for our Christmas raffle, and to Chateau La Chaire for kindly donating the porridge.

Coming up: **Get these dates in your diary!**

Date	Event	
Thursday 4 th April, 6pm	Easter Bingo	
Fridays after Easter, 3pm	Ice pop Friday	
Friday 5 th July	Summer BBQ	
TBC	Quiz night	
TBC	Car boot sale	

We're also looking into other event ideas, so let us know if you have any suggestions.

100 Club:

Congratulations to our latest winners.....

Month	1 st (£60)	2 nd (£25)	3 rd (£15)
January	91	69	47
February	65	97	93
March	75	54	92

We contact all winners, so don't worry if you've forgotten your number! If you've not won yet, fingers crossed - there are still a few months left!

Support us:



For the latest news follow us on [Facebook](#).

Raise money for us when you shop online - sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinsschoolpta/



If you'd like to get involved with the PTA, please just come along to our next meeting - we are a friendly bunch! Or you can email us to find out more at stmartinschoolpta@gmail.com.

To join our mailing list to receive copies of minutes and agendas and to hear about volunteering opportunities, contact stmartinschoolpta@gmail.com.

**Thanks for your continued support,
we really do appreciate it.
The PTA Committee**