

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER



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

Meet your new committee:

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM (yes, we know you were there for bingo really!), where a new committee was elected for the next 12 months. If you want to know more about us, read on.....

Chair: Sam Caffrey



Mummy of: Isabelle in Year 4.

Job: I work part time as an administrator for Saint Gobain, which includes reconciling accounts, credit control and managing property leases. I'm also in the process of opening my own business selling children's clothing.

PTA role: As Chairperson, I chair PTA meetings and provide leadership to the committee as well as liaising with Mrs Posner to ensure that the PTA are working in harmony with the school. I also write a regular PTA page in the St Martin's Parish magazine with updates on our fundraising and events.

Why I do it: My life is pretty hectic as a working mum, however, I love being part of the PTA. It can be hard work at times, but to see the excitement on the children's faces when they win a prize at Bingo or a parent thanking you for arranging an event makes it all worth while. I have also made a lot of great friends through being part of the PTA.

Funniest PTA moment: After reading my Chair's report to a packed hall of people at a recent AGM I finished by asking if anyone had any questions. My husband put his hand up

and asked me what was for tea?!!! Another funny moment was when one of the children told me I was selling cakes far too cheaply at a cake sale. He suggested I should start charging a lot more.... but only after I had served him!!!

Treasurer: Karen Shatford



Mummy of: Louis in Year 5 and 2 girls, Evie and Sophie in Years 8 & 7 at Grainville.

Job: I work part time, employed by the States as a Witness Care Officer. If you witness a crime, or sadly find yourself a victim, once a case is charged to court then you may find yourself in my hands! I liaise with the Courts, Law offices, Police officers and Support agencies to keep all victims and witnesses as informed and up to date on the progress of their criminal case as possible. I also provide emotional support during what for many is a very traumatic time.

PTA role: As Treasurer, I'm the money person who has the joy of counting money in and out, ensuring I keep meticulous records to know exactly how our accounts are faring. I don't have any formal accounting qualifications, but my introduction to book keeping began aged 15 years running the school tuckshop! If you're not already familiar with me, I am THAT person, frequently stood at the front of school promoting events and selling tickets. Hopefully you find me approachable, outgoing and friendly – not overbearing (if so, tell me!).

Why I do it: My life's extremely busy juggling 3 children, a job and a husband who works shifts, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Moving here in 2018, leaving family, friends and a busy career behind for a better quality of life, I initially joined the PTA as a way to meet new people. Coming from a larger school, I love the atmosphere here and the chance to get to know the school, pupils and parents better. Louis loves that we are so involved in what's going on and that we are able to be creative and implement new fundraising ideas.

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I want him to have fantastic memories of his time at St Martin's. We have just one life, never know what's around the corner, so must make the most of every opportunity.

Funniest PTA moment: I arrive at events in themed attire – believing my fellow members will be doing the same...only to find myself the only one dressed up...and I keep falling for it!!!

Secretary: Lucy Wright



Mummy of: Nancy in Year 6 and Sam in Year 8 at Grainville.

Job: I'm a "Knowledge Analyst" at a law firm, which basically means I help the lawyers find

the information they need to do their jobs and ensure they're up to date with the latest developments.

PTA role: As Secretary, I take minutes of the meetings, keep records, post information on Facebook and prepare newsletters, forms and other documents. I also help with organizing and running events and other fundraisers.

Why I do it: Between work, parenting and the PTA I'm always rushed off my feet, but I love to be as involved with school as I can and being on the PTA's a great way to get to know the school better and feel part of your children's school lives... Plus I've met some great people and had a lot of fun!

Funniest PTA moment: There've been lots, but possibly trying to cram 6 inflated space hoppers into my tiny VW Polo for the Summer BBQ.

General committee members:

- ❖ Clare Wrigglesworth
- ❖ Danielle Le Page
- ❖ Jo Doyle
- ❖ Lisa Herivel
- ❖ Lucy Eder
- ❖ Su Hannah
- ❖ Sue Young

Minibus update:



The PTA has struggled in recent years to fund the ongoing cost of the school minibus lease.

We recently looked into the prospect of buying our own bus, but fundraising efforts sadly fell short of the funds needed for this and, when the lease expired, a decision had to be taken as to the future of the minibus.

The difficult decision has been taken to hand back responsibility for the minibus to the school, as sadly we feel that this is too great an expense to be met solely by the PTA.

We will, however, continue to make a significant contribution towards the cost of the new lease, and those generous donors who had given us funds towards buying a bus have kindly agreed that this money can be put towards the cost of leasing.

This will free up PTA funds for other uses around the school, such as equipment and experiences to enhance the children's learning. If you have any suggestions, please do let us know.

Coming up: Get these dates in your diary!

Sunday roast raffle - This fabulous meat raffle is being drawn every Friday until Christmas. It will then become monthly next term. Tickets are just £1 each.



Elves Secret Gift Shop - 18 December 2019 - A chance for the children to choose and wrap gifts for the adults in their lives. By appointment only, so we hope you all got your forms back in time!



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Hot lunch - 20 December

2019 – A free hot lunch, provided by the PTA with the help and support of Caring Cooks of Jersey, Chateau La

Chaire, Homefields Farm Shop and the ladies of St Martin's WI.

Self-portrait tea-towels - on sale soon!

... and coming up next year: January movie night, Easter fete, and lots more!

Latest events:

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

- Summer BBQ: £536
- Auction of promises: £1235
- Freeze-pop sales: £227
- Sports day refreshments: £85
- Halloween bingo: £498
- School disco: £403
- Hot pasta lunch: £260
- Uniform/2nd hand clothes sales: £199
- Sports fixture refreshments: £44
- Sunday roast raffles: £149
- Christmas cards: £218
- Easyfundraising: £70
- 100 Club: £925

A big thank you to everyone who supported and helped at these events, and to those individuals and businesses who've donated time and goods to help make our events a success.

Where the money's going:

Thanks to your generosity supporting our events, we've recently been able to contribute towards Festive Friday resources, buy a new hot water urn and provide a free festive hot lunch for all the children.

We've also raised over £5,300 specifically towards the minibus, which has been given to the school to be put towards the ongoing lease.

Now that our commitment towards the minibus has lessened, we're investigating other resources in need of funding. If you have any suggestions as to where PTA money should be spent in future, please do let us know.

100 Club:

Congratulations to our latest winners.....

Month	1 st (£60)	2 nd (£25)	3 rd (£15)
Sept	30	2	70
Oct	90	74	88
Nov	59	69	76

We contact all winners, so don't worry if you've forgotten your number!

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 stmartinsschoolpta@gmail.com

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

Thanks for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

The PTA Committee