



## St Mary's Parent Forum Committee

Dear parents, guardians and carers of new P1 children,

### Welcome to St Mary's!

Here is some information about St Mary's **Parent Forum Committee (PFC)**, which sets out some ways in which you can get more involved in the life of the school.

We very much hope that some of you will chose to join in, whether as members of the Committee, part of a particular initiative such as the garden, the library, or simply by attending meetings and making your views count.

### The PFC

The PFC provides practical and financial support for the school, as well as being a forum for discussion between parents and the school.

St Mary's PFC meets every 2 months, in the evenings at the school or via Microsoft Teams during the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. Dates are advertised via school newsletter, on our Facebook page and through Whatsapp year group messages. **Any member of the Parent Forum is welcome to join the meetings and put forward items for discussion, whether or not they wish to be elected to the Committee.**

Much of the PFC's activity happens in smaller groups, which meet independently of the main committee and report back. These groups are a great way to get involved and make a real difference to the education of our children. The groups include the garden, fundraising events and the library.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are not able to confirm any of the usual fundraising events but we will let you know as soon as restrictions ease.

### Key Dates

Event	Date/ Time/ Location	Details
<b>PFC Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>	Date: <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020</b> Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm Location: MS Teams meeting	The PFC's Annual General Meeting reviews plans for the upcoming academic year. You are all most welcome to join this virtual meeting. <b>Please let Mrs Kehoe know by email and she send you the link.</b>
<b>Uniform Exchange</b>	Typically, Last Friday of the month during the school year. If you would like any uniform items, please contact Mrs Messer at the school reception.	New and used uniform items available for sale. Proceeds from the sale go to benefit the school.
<b>Christmas Fair</b>	Usually held in the school hall early December.	Lovely home baking, bacon rolls, mulled wine and Christmas activities to enjoy. This is one of the main fundraising events for the year.

## Leadership

A brief introduction to PFC leadership:

- **Chair** - Currently vacant position
- **Vice Chair** - Our Vice Chair is Gill Guild. Her son Finlay is in P5 and Esme is in P3.
- **Treasurer** – Amelie Bruhat is our Treasurer with daughter Erine in P3.
- **Events** - Elaine O'Connor acts as the Events Coordinator and has Molly in P7.
- **Secretary** - Currently vacant position.
- **Church Rep** - Our Church Representative is Brian Sibbald who is a long-standing supporter of the school.

## Connect with PFC

We invite parents and carers of the St. Mary's school community to connect with us. There are a couple of options.

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**Facebook** We have an active Facebook page and post regular updates. We encourage people to 'like' the page so you will see the latest information.

<https://www.facebook.com/Saintmarysrc/>

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**Email** Email communications include details on upcoming events, opportunities for parents to get involved and general school updates. To comply with GDPR, please email [chair@stmarysparents.co.uk](mailto:chair@stmarysparents.co.uk) with the following information.

**I agree for the email address below to be used by St Mary's RC Primary PFC to let me know about fundraising events, PFC business including meetings, invites to meetings and to share relevant information from the school or Council.**

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**Parent/ Carer 1**

First Name, Surname

Email Address

Mobile number

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**Parent/ Carer 2**

First Name, Surname

Email Address

Mobile number

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**Pupil 1**

First Name, Surname

**Class** for  
Academic  
Year 2020/21

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**Pupil 2**

First Name, Surname

**Class** for  
Academic  
Year 2020/21

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**Pupil 3**

First Name, Surname

**Class** for  
Academic  
Year 2020/21

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**Whatsapp** There are Whatsapp groups for each year which has been a very successful way for parents to keep in touch, make friends, ask questions and arrange play dates.

If you would like you would like your mobile number added to the P1 Whatsapp Group, please email [Chair@stmarysparents.co.uk](mailto:Chair@stmarysparents.co.uk) with the following information.

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**I agree that the mobile number can be included in the P1 2020 St Mary's RC Primary PFC Whatsapp group. I understand that I can unsubscribe at any time.**

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**If you prefer to send details later or need to add more information** than the space allows above, please email the PFC [chair@stmarysparents.co.uk](mailto:chair@stmarysparents.co.uk). We would also love to know if there is a specific event or way you would like to get involved.

We're all looking forward to meeting you soon, and hope that your child has a great beginning to their life at St Mary's.

With all best wishes,

**Gill Guild**

Vice Chair, St Mary's Parent Forum Committee

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