

ST MARY'S NORTHCHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS



What's on...

Click on the links below to make your bookings or offer your help on the School Association website!



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FEB

Online Family Games Afternoon

3pm - 5pm

Get rid of the lockdown blues and join us for an afternoon of family games!

Bingo, Name that Tune, Guess the Baby Teacher and Catchphrase. There will be prizes for winners and a raffle!

Valentines Trail

We had such a great response to our Halloween Trail, we thought we'd organise a Valentine's Trail next! Running over the whole half term break, to ease crowding and offering 3 routes, for different ages and energy levels, spot the love hearts in the windows of houses and note down the letter on each to solve the anagram. You may even win a prize!

15-19
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Welcome

26 January 2021

Welcome to the first 2021 edition of School Association News!

We hope you had a lovely and relaxing Christmas break (how good were those Santa Zoom calls and personalised letters and gifts?!) and a good start to the year. Well, as good as it can be, whilst home schooling (again!) and dealing with all the other things in life. As a full-time working parent to two daughters (Beth, Yr.3 and Bea, Nursery), I know only too well how tough it can be to keep all the plates spinning.

Thankfully, despite many of our fundraising plans for this half term being cancelled or postponed due to C-19, all is not lost! There are some super simple ways you can continue to support us, and they won't cost you a penny. Hooray!

Read on and 'Like' our [Facebook page](#), to hear more.

Alison Cheshire
Your School Association Vice Secretary



Alison Cheshire

Thanks to you

So far this academic year, your support has enabled us to keep saying "yes" to funding requests from Mrs Osborne and her fabulous team of Teachers. The many and varied things we've been able to purchase for the school, to enhance our children's learning and enjoyment include:

- Lightspeed Licence (this is software for the staff computers, necessary for Google Classroom amongst other things)
- Christmas Panto Dance Workshop
- The Week subscription
- Twinkl subscription
- Nursery's Guinea Pig's feed and bedding
- Christmas things including crackers and decorations
- Plus, we've allocated funding for a Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony, when they're allowed to go

Santa's Sleigh

The 2020 Rotary Club Santa's Sleigh pulled in a phenomenal £900!

Our sincere thanks to the team of St Mary's Elves who helped guide Santa around Northchurch; Polly Walker, Rachel Blackie, Louisa Miles, Quentin Jones and Sarah Heal.
You guys are amazing!



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Who's Who...

The School Association is a charitable organisation run by a small group of parent volunteers. We seek to raise money to enhance our children's learning and fun at school!

Chair	Liz Keenaghan-Clark
Vice Chair	Krsna Denham
Secretary	Simone Legg
Vice Secretary	Alison Cheshire
Treasurer	Philip Quelch
Member	Heidi Bolwell
Member	Sophie Clarke
Member	Amy Goss
Member	Sarah Heal
Member	Sarah Jones
Member	Gemma Keen
Member	Sally-Marie Kindell
Member	Emily Street
Member	Julie Anne Turnham

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Supermarket Vouchers

This is a great, easy and FREE way to raise money for the school. You get the same value for your money in vouchers and the school gets a percentage back as a donation. In previous years this scheme has raised up to £1,500 per year for the school.

You simply opt to purchase vouchers for your usual supermarket and pay via direct debit. You receive the vouchers on a monthly basis, or you can choose to save towards your Christmas shopping by saving as little as £10 per month in the Christmas Club. You will receive all your vouchers at the end of November.

Participating Supermarkets:

Tesco - (3% donation): these can be spent in any Tesco store and online at www.tesco.com/direct, BUT, you cannot use Tesco Gift Cards to buy groceries, books or clothing online yet.

Waitrose/John Lewis (4% donation): these can be used in any Waitrose or John Lewis store and online.



Christmas Trees

We tried something new last year, and partnered with Pete Nicols, a Christmas Tree seller. Pete was selling his trees throughout December, at the Old Mill and kindly offered to make us a donation for every tree sold.

Thank you if you chose to buy your tree from Pete – we’re expecting to receive a cheque for £49, plus he generously donated the beautiful 8ft tree which was displayed in the school hall.



Fine Photography Prints

St Mary's Dad, Simon Turnbull is once again supporting us by making available a selection of signed, framed, limited edition photography prints for sale.

All profits will be generously donated to us. To view the gallery and order your favourite images visit www.simonturnbullphotography.com/stmarysgallery.

