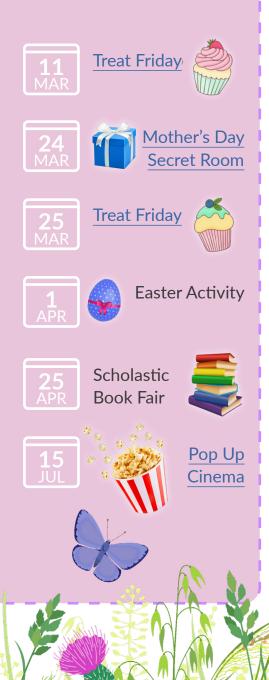
# SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



# What's on...

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# Welcome

## *Issue 5* - March 2022

As your new Chairperson, it's my pleasure to announce some really terrific fundraising results from our Christmas events. In total, we raised a whopping **£2,800**! That includes our Christmas raffle and mulled wine sale at the Cold Carols event and our Santa's Sleigh gig. Huge thanks again, to my team of volunteers who did us proud - Sarah Heal, Natalie Cooper, Tristan Robinson, Jo Morton, Nadine Frisk, Claire Dougherty & Bryony Clark. Great effort guys!

With Spring just around the corner, we hope to build on this with our upcoming Treat Fridays, Mother's Day Secret Room and an Easter activity. Follow us on Facebook for more on those.

All funds raised are invested back into the school, providing new equipment, sports kit, workshops, subscriptions, trips ... the list is endless. This week we have funded new kit and equipment for the Netball club and we will be subsidising Year 3's trip to Celtic Harmony. We truly appreciate your support to enable us to do that. Thank you.

If you'd like to find out more, help us with our fundraising or provide feedback, why not join us at our next meeting, which will be on **14th March at 8pm in the George & Dragon**. Alternatively get in touch anytime by emailing us on <u>stmarysnorthchurch.sa@gmail.com</u>, we'd love to hear from you!



## Alison Cheshire - Chairperson

## **Clothes to Change Lives**

Do you have any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, towels, bedding or soft toys? Please continue to donate them to our new textiles bank by the school gates. Items you donate are shipped to Eastern Europe and Africa to be loved again. Anything we cannot reuse e.g. items which are torn, well-worn or stained, is sent to companies that can convert the textiles into industrial cleaning wipes or insulation material. A huge thank you to those who have already donated!



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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	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Member	

Welcome to our new members: Lisa Ralphs, Julie Wells, Alex Masters and Pippa Richmond.

#### Rocking around the Christmas tree...

Remember we gave each child a stamped flyer from The Christmas Tree Place and asked you to hand that flyer in, when you purchase your Christmas Tree from them? Well, we received a runners up prize from them, worth £35!

Thank you to all those who returned their flyers when they bought their Christmas tree in December.



We ended last term with a hugely successful Valentine's Party! The children were so well behaved and really enjoyed the opportunity to be together... and pop tons of balloons!

Not only did everyone have a great time, but we raised a net profit of **£930** - an amazing result! Thank you so much for supporting it!

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