



September 2019

Hi there!

### **St Joseph's PTA: What it means to your child, dates for your diary and how you can get involved**

A warm welcome to all new parents at the school, both in Reception and to those who have joined other year groups, and welcome back to everyone else!

At St Joseph's, the PTA is working with the teachers and you to help raise funds to improve still further the learning experiences at school for our children. Our goal is to raise funds for the here and now – things our children will enjoy and benefit from immediately. And we hope, that as parents, we'll have some fun along the way.

In the last academic year, the funds we raised contributed to the cost of the coach hire for numerous school trips, reducing the overall cost to parents. We also contributed to the raised beds in the garden area as part of the children's curriculum to learn about nature, cameras for various year groups and new books.

We'd really appreciate your support, so this is who we are, our fund-raising activities and how you can help.

### **Your PTA Committee**

If you want to get in touch we are:

- Graham Munday, Chair: my twin daughters, Imogen and Pippa, are in Year 2
- Alexa Timbrell, Joint-Chair: my son Kobe is in Year 5, and my daughter, Harmony is in Year 2
- Becky Maltby, Treasurer: my twin daughters, Roxi and Matilda, are in Year 2
- Rebecca Steele, Secretary: my daughter, Evie-Mai is in Year 2
- Rosie Hughes: my son, Jed is in Year 1

There are also a number of parents who regularly provide invaluable support at our events – thank you!

If you'd like to get involved in running an event or the various actions that are critical to a fun, successful event that raises funds for the school, simply chat to any of us in the playground or email us at: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Keep in touch on Facebook**

We have a closed, secure Facebook page managed by Graham and Alexa. Join the Group and you can keep in touch with dates for forthcoming events, and you can volunteer to help out through the 'sign-ups' we post online.

Search for **St Joseph's Fundraising page** in Groups on Facebook, and ask to join.



# PTA

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Raising funds to support initiatives at our school right now!

### Dates for your diary: autumn term

- Tuesday 17 September: Pub Quiz at the Rose & Crown in Nympsfield. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. £2 per person on the night, teams up to a maximum of six people. Please let us know if you intend to come, just email us at: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)
- Monday 7 October: PTA Committee Meeting, 7.00pm with Mrs D'Arcy. Venue in Nympsfield to be confirmed nearer the time, **all welcome**. We will be planning the proposed fireworks event and our big annual fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre. All help, gratefully received.
- Friday 18 October: School Disco, 6pm to 7.30pm. Look out for communications asking for help on the night.
- Saturday 9 November: Fireworks and BBQ night at the school – full details will follow in the coming weeks.
- Saturday 30 November: Christmas Fayre, an afternoon of fun at the school. More information to follow.
- Friday 6 December: Film Night at school at 6pm. Films for KS1 and KS2, full details to follow.
- Breakfast with Father Christmas at school: Friday 20 December.

### Pay for events by bank transfer

We're aiming to reduce the amount of cash we manage, so we'd be really grateful if you could pay by bank transfer. Don't worry, we'll remind you of these details every time.

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### How can you help?

Look out for texts from the school office, Facebook posts, and letters in book bags that detail our fund-raising events and the 'sign-up' web links that enable you to volunteer to help with small, specific aspects of each event.

In addition, you can help in the following ways:

- **Contribute through your own skills.** Typical areas where we need help to create great fund-raising events are graphic design and printing of posters and flyers, making and putting up signs to advertise events in the village, face-painting, and anyone who either works for a retailer or can talk to retailers to secure free raffle prizes!
- **Use our online easyfundraising page for your online purchases.** Simply visit our page and set your account up for free: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsparentteacher/>. When you then visit online retailers such as Trainline, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, M&S and many others, you'll see the easyfundraising logo above their website link. Click that, and you will still be directed to their website and any purchase you make will result in the retailer making a small contribution to our fundraising at no additional cost to you. Easy!

We're raising funds to give our children an even better experience at St Joseph's – we very much look forward to your support and appreciate any contribution you can make. Contact us anytime at: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk).

Kind regards

Graham Munday, PTA, Chair

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