

# Friends of St Mary's PTFA Newsletter

July 2016



## Thank You!!!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all parents and families who have come along and supported our events this year. With donations from local businesses you have helped us raise an amazing £14,000!!! We really appreciate all those who also helped with the set up and running of our events. We could not achieve all this without you.

We would like to thank the following people/businesses who have donated their time and raffle prizes: Hays Travel Killingworth, Jamieson's Deli, Aldi, Sainsbury's Forest Hall, Steffen Peddie, The Fat Butcher, Killingworth Arms and many more.

## We have a Minibus!!!

Our fundraising for our minibus has just been completed thanks to a £5000 donation from Excel North East ([www.excelnortheast.co.uk](http://www.excelnortheast.co.uk))!!! We are extremely grateful for this generous donation from Reception parents Kayleigh Lowe and Neil Little who operate this local roof conversion and glazing company and wanted to support their son's school.

Added to the generous support from Hays Travel Killingworth, Forest Hall Chiropractic clinic, other local businesses and YOU we have been able to purchase our minibus earlier than planned. This will reduce the school travel budget immediately and has already been put to good use.



## Playground Update

As you will have read in the school newsletter work is due to start on the new KS1 playground over the summer break. Mr. Fallon has secured some additional funding to support this and will use the money you have raised to buy extra equipment in the new school year.

## What else do we support?

The funds we generate are used in many ways throughout the school year. Annually we support the school text message service and provide funding for school trips. We provide the children with a selection box at Christmas and had great fun funding and helping in the Easter egg hunt. The teachers are often in need of small items to enhance the children's day and support the school clubs. This year we bought a wheelbarrow and tools for Gardening Club and some new toys for the playground.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Sue Lee ([www.littleprinthouse.com](http://www.littleprinthouse.com)) who kindly donated her time and expertise to help us design the Year 6 yearbooks that we purchase each year.



## How can you help?

All of this relies on parental involvement in the PTFA. We will be looking for new committee members in the new school year so please consider getting involved. We are always in need of a little bit of time and welcome new ideas. You are also welcome to join any of our general committee meetings in the church hall.

## Superman!!



Congratulations Steve Shaw who completed an ultra marathon of 69 miles and raised money for the school at the same time. Thanks to all your sponsorship he has raised over £1000!



## easyfundraising .org.uk

A huge THANK YOU to all you online shoppers who have registered with easyfundraising and helped us reach our £1000 target!!!!.

Before you buy anything online please consider registering!!  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysnewcastleupontyne](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysnewcastleupontyne)



Gardening club had a great time planting their flowers at the Freeman Hospital supporting Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care

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The committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to Hays Travel, Killingworth for all their wonderful raffle prizes and raising £560 for the school.

## Upcoming Events



### Beach Party



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm  
Forest Hall Ex-serviceman's club

We don't need to rely on the British weather for our indoor beach party! Dress for the beach and come and join us for some fun and games. BBQ food available to buy too. Tickets are £4 and are available from Mrs.Thompson or online at <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0000E683VNQ6>

### Family Beach Picnic



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm  
Longsands Beach, Tynemouth

We know the kids miss their school friends over the summer holidays so ...Grab your flip flops, pack a picnic and join us on the beach. No booking or fee to pay just turn up on the day. All families and friends welcome. Updates will be posted on our Facebook and webpage. Here's hoping for some sun ☀

For more information please see our webpage:

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