



# WELCOME To St John's CofE Primary School

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This information has been put together by St John's Parents Association especially for you, as a new family joining our school community. Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This booklet provides you with information about St John's Parents Association and lets you know how you can join in.

Our Committee consists of:

**Chair – Chloe Gardner**

**Treasurer – Sophie Smith**

**Secretary – Charly Jones**

**Vice Chairs – Jo Green  
and Carenza Parker**

## Why do we have a Parents Association (PA)?

We are fortunate at our school to have a Parents Association that's an integral part of the school community. Over the years we have raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities, most recently new dining room tables, desks and chairs for reception, books for the school library, 2 sets of sponsored football kit, and we are currently working towards a full refurbishment of an old swimming pool area and turning it into an outdoor classroom and garden.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. St John's PA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too – just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the PA when their child joins our school.

## Role of the Committee

The Committee meet on a regular basis with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events.

The Committee also hold open PA meetings once a term, where any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

## Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at event or wrapping secret room or Christmas grotto gifts or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting or email us – at:

[stjohnsparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsparentsassociation@gmail.com)

## Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PA committee – in recent years we have focussed on using WhatsApp groups and the parents Facebook page as our main method of communication. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising our main events, from selling tickets to organising rotas of help. We really could not manage without them.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in Oct and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members.

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## How we raise money

Like most PAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run.

Some of our most popular events are:

School Discos (normally held once a term)

Break the Rules day

Christmas events including:

Secret Room 'Elfridges'  
(a shopping experience for the children where they get to choose a 'secret' present for their family member to a pre-paid value)

Christmas Fair held in school grounds – this year

Pantomime Tickets – Aladdin 11th Dec 22

Frozen Fridays and a summer event in warmer months

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction lots or offers of services and skills.

**Tickets for all events  
are sold via our  
PTA EVENTS webshop at:**

**<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-johns/index.cfm?event=Shop#.YwEG3HbMJhE>**



## How we spend the money we raise:

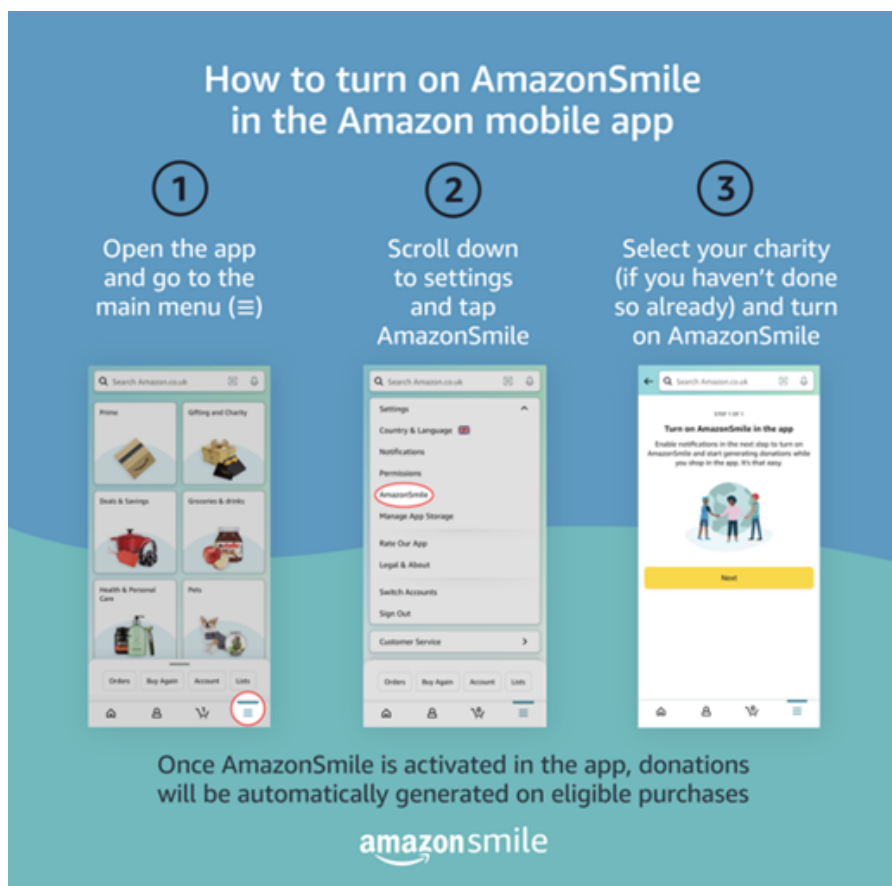
The PA committee are responsible for deciding how our PA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

## Easy ways to help us fundraise:

Amazon Smile: Choose St John's School Parents Association as your charity



### Easyfundraising:

You can help raise funds for the school without having to donate money yourself or spending time doing things like baking cakes for sales. Over 6,000 retailers will donate to us for free every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

This means you can support us at no extra cost to yourself when you do your everyday shopping. Whether you're buying school supplies, clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, or anything else!

Just find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and you'll raise a donation for us when you make a purchase.

Joining is easy and completely FREE. Just visit:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnslaceygreen/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-e6](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnslaceygreen/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e6)



### Labelling your items:

Stamptastic is the fastest way to name your kids belongings. Step away from the ironing board and put that needle and thread away. Stamp instead with Stamptastic. Stamptastic's magic ink withholds 50 washes on care labels without fading. Customise your Personalised Name Stamps online

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Textile recycling – date to be confirmed Autumn 2022



Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for (insert organisation name), it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

#### How we keep you up to date

We send regular updates and information on upcoming events and dates as well as details of the help we are looking for at larger events. home via Friday news and update the Parents Facebook group. You join using the QR code below:



Or the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parentsofstjohns/>

We also use our class reps to update the various Year WhatsApp groups – please contact your class rep for more details.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR SCHOOL!**