

### Friends of St Mark's Newsletter



### **Christmas Fayre**

On 2 December 2017 we are holding this year's Friends of St Mark's Christmas Fayre. Father Christmas, arts and crafts, plenty of 20p games to enjoy and prizes to be won. Get your Christmas Presents sorted early!



On 17 November 2017 there will be non uniform day where a donation of wine, chocolate or other yummy goods for the Christmas tombola and hampers are welcomed. Please remember we are a nut free school.

After the success of last year, we will be running another pre-loved Book and Toy stall. We will be requesting donations for good conditions books for all ages and toys. If you are thinking of having a clear out over half term, think of us and please put them by ready for collection in November.

Last year you raised almost £4,000 by donating, coming and enjoying the fayre. Help us make it an even greater success this year!

### A BIG THANK YOU!

With the money you have raised the school has bought cameras and other equipment for classes, water bottles for Year R, as well as paying for the bus for Year 6 to get to and from Windmill Hill. We can't do this without your time, donations and support.

### Coming up ...

Disco: 6 October KS1 5pm to 5.45pm KS2 6pm to 7pm

Please bring in a tombola donation on non-uniform day: 17 November 2017

Christmas Fayre: 2 December 2017 11am to 2pm

Want to Volunteer?



Any time you can give to help at events or to help organise them is amazing. It all makes a real difference to the school and our children. To volunteer please contact Karen at secretary@friendsof stmarks.org

#### Name Labels

If you need name labels for school uniform, use easytoname.com quoting St Mark's Primary RG22 and raise money for St Mark's.

# HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR SCHOOL JUMPER?

For £2 buy a nearly new one from FOSM by contacting the school office or through our Facebook page.

## NEARLY NEW UNIFORM WANTED

Please donate any good condition St Mark's Jumpers or cardigans. Hand them in to the school office or message us on our Facebook page.

### FUNDRAISING IDEAS?

We are always looking for new ways to raise funds so contact Nicky at <a href="mailto:chair@friendsofstmarks">chair@friendsofstmarks</a>
.org with your ideas!

### Thinking about starting your Christmas Shopping?



Go to <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> join, register with St Mark's Primary school, Hatch Warren as your cause and start shopping! You can add a donation reminder which appears when you shop online in the usual way allowing you to donate as you shop. Marks and Spencer and Clarks offer 5% with Debenhams giving 3% donations with easy fundraising.

Getting your child a scooter for Christmas - go to <a href="https://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/community/category/charity-schemes/scooters-for-schools/">https://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/community/category/charity-schemes/scooters-for-schools/</a> and earn 10% cash back for the school when you buy one.

#### The Committee:

We are a group of parents with children all the way from Year 1 to Year 6. We meet regularly to have fun and arrange events. All of us give as much time as we can, some of us can't attend meetings because of time and child care but carry out tasks like lucky dip wrapping at home. Some of us help arrange events but may not be able to help on the day. We find that many volunteers make light work! Volunteer now and help arrange and run the Christmas Fayre! You can volunteer by emailing <a href="mailto:secretary@friendsofstmarks.org">secretary@friendsofstmarks.org</a> or attending the AGM on 3 October at 7pm at the school.

### Coming Soon ...

Planning a clear out of clothes, shoes and bedding etc after Christmas? Save those recyclables for our next <u>'Bags 2 School'</u> event. Dates to be announced before Christmas.