



## September—New Year, New Uniform ...

Welcome to the new school year and the new school uniform. I know many were skeptical (more so because of the cost) **but** don't they all look smart .... even my scruffy two !

We hit the ground running with our first meeting taking place on the 5th September and we've already been asked to take part in three events in September so our heads are already fried and we're only mid month.

However, the first priority for us was to establish a project we could raise money for during this academic year and we have suggested that a joint

decision be made by Mr Jarvis, the students and of course us the PTA. We are still working out the practicalities of this at the moment but as soon we know more, we'll let you know.

We have started in a positive place financially and from just a couple of small events during the last few months of the last term, we have a balance of £175.91 in the bank—not large I know, but it's a start.

As you are aware, we are newly formed and are in need of more help with our fundraising efforts. Apart from the usual official structuring, we are a fairly informal group whose aim is to

provide extra experiences and benefits for all the children who attend St Martins. We are Parents like yourselves who balance work, the Hoover, teenage dramas and anything else the day throws at us and even though we will still try and reach our target whatever that may be, we could do it a lot easier and quicker if we had some help; besides the fact we are all fed up of looking at each other for ideas and inspiration ! If you are a Parent, Grandparent, Auntie or Uncle and can give us an hour a month or some guidance please contact any of the names below and one of us will bite off your hand. Thank you .....

**Next Meeting : Mon 3/10 @ 6pm**

## 'Boring But Necessary' Bits

The PTA Committee were confirmed as remaining in their posts for the next academic year.

We've joined PTA UK which as well as giving useful ideas and information, has covered us for insurance at all our events. It has also provided a model constitution which will be needed when we are ready to

apply for charity status.

We are already thinking about applications to the Lottery, Children In Need, Sports Relief etc.. and if anyone has experience or can point us in the right direction for doing this, please let us know.

With all the above completed we are now officially formed !

## Poly Tunnels @ St Martins

Rebecca Owens (Family Support Worker) has, on behalf of the PTA, applied to GAVO for funding for poly tunnels for the school. The tunnels will enable children to grow their own fruit and vegetables as well as providing a green space within the grounds. We think this is a perfect example of how our fundraising works towards providing extra experiences for children who have the interest but not the opportunity. We will keep you updated on the application's progress.

**Christmas**—It's a nightmare word at this time of year I know, but I've said it now so I may as well carry on. In the next few weeks, we will give a template to Yrs 7, 8 & 9 for them to design their own unique Christmas card. If Parents would then like to buy a pack of these cards, you will need to send payment alongside the required amount to the school office by the deadline given and they will be sent away for printing. More details to follow nearer the time.....

### Future Events For

**2016/2017**

**Family Quiz Night**

**Yr 7 Disco**

**Night Out Scheme for Families**

*Dates, times will be listed when arranged.*

## Machen Show Update ..

Despite the weather, mud and bad hair experiences, we had a great day. Cheers to everyone who donated (mostly under hard pressure from us) we were worried for a bit but got there in the end.

### PTA Committee

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