

St Martin's PTA March 2017— Issue 4

Funding Bids

We have submitted two bids to outside agencies in the hope of securing funding for the projects listed below.

Seating in Yr 7 Area—St Martin's Seats for Sharing Project (Tesco Bags of Help)

There was a site meeting on 20/01 with Groundwork and if the application proves to be successful, there will be a final meeting to agree specifications.

Boxing Gym, Football & Gymnastics Equipment for St Martin's Enthuse Project (Gwent Partnership Fund)

The first stage of the bid has been submitted and was successful. We had a site visit in February and were notified that our application now goes to panel and we will be told in June if ...

- (a) we will have no funding
- (b) we will have partial funding
- we will have full funding

"We'll keep you updated".

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16th March

Yr 8 Options Meeting (Refreshments will be available).

Friday 14th July

Yr 7 & Yr 8 Disco

Sunday 15th October

Car Boot Sale

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

If you purchased raffle tickets from us over Christmas could you please check to see if you are a winner as we have a few raffle prizes that were unclaimed. If we do not hear from anyone by the end of March, the prizes will be recycled and put into a future raffle.

We would appreciate your feedback on our newsletters, especially if you think there are items you need more information on or if you would like to be a part of producing it. You can get in touch with us at the email address below.

Another project also in the pipeline

Development of the Red Gra Area

Some costings have been sourced along with possible organisations we could apply to for funding, however, this is a gigantic and expensive project that will be ongoing for a considerable amount of time.

As we're sure you can appreciate, funding applications are quite time consuming, especially for those who are new to the process. We are hoping to increase our applications in the future

and are looking for volunteers to have an input and work alongside our Treasurer sourcing and completing the process from beginning to end. If you have a couple of hours spare and would like to help out, please let us know by contacting us on our new email address below. Many hands make light work as the saving goes and even though this is an unpaid job, your help will be really appreciated by all the children who will benefit from the projects.

Cake Sale

A big thank you to all those who bought cakes from us on 3rd March—it was a great success. Over the next week or so we will hopefully carry out a feedback exercise with the children and based on the outcome we will do another one.

Our cake and refreshment selling is definitely building momentum and has been the main part of our fundraising so far. On that note

we would like remind Parents, Carers and everyone else linked to children at the School that we are in attendance at most open events and would be grateful for your continued support. It may only be £1 but every little helps and in return you get a delicious cake or a cup of coffee whilst helping us provide the little extras your children benefit from.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who did purchase tickets, it was very successful and will be an annual event.

New Contact Details

lust in case we are bombarded with offers of help (yes there is an element of sarcasm in that sentence) or you have any fundraising ideas you would like to see happening, we have organised our own email address:-

stmartinspta17@gmail.com

If you have any queries or would like to find out what we do, please feel free to contact us.

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