

# F.O.S.M.S News

Welcome to St. Mary's CofE School!

These newsletters aim to keep you up to date with our fundraising events and what we spend the money on that has been generously donated. For those of you whose babes have just started school, we thought you'd like an introduction to who we are and what we do...

What is F.O.S.M.S (Friends of St. Mary's School)?

F.O.S.M.S is basically our parent-teacher association (P.T.A). We are a small group of parents who work alongside Mrs. Tyreman and her wonderful team to organise and hold events to fundraise for our school. We currently have 14 members. All parents are welcome to join and we would love to have some new members. So, come and join us...you know you want to!

When do you meet?

We meet roughly once a month, in school (usually at 9am for an hour) to discuss fundraising ideas/to organise the next event. It is not a huge commitment and many of us have babies/toddlers who join in too! You don't even have to come to every meeting.

*What is the money used for?*

*The monies raised are used to provide our children with extracurricular activities and to help develop and improve their learning environment. Check out the list overleaf to see what we raised last year and where we intend to spend it.*



# A Successful 2011/2012!

Thanks to the success of the 2011/2012's fundraising, we paid for:

children's cinema trip   selection boxes   Class 6's meal in London   mazey day artist  
St. Piran Day sweatshirts   competition prizes   bouncy castles   storyteller   discos   ice-creams  
The Hobbit theatre production   allotments   raffle prizes including the summer fayre star prize of an i-pod !  
a table top cooker   refreshments   (a total spend of £3957)

We are continuing to focus on the outdoor environment by developing the secret garden, buying scooter pods, and a variety of other activities.

## *We raised...*

Cake Sales £400

Nearly New Sales £227

Non-uniform Days £505

Discos £596

Bag 2 School £370

Christmas Cards £64.50

Christmas Fayre £766.00

Summer Fayre £500.00

Ice-cream sales £140

Easter raffle £163

## *Don't think there's anything you can do to help?*

Everyone has something to offer! Can you bake cakes for our cake sales? Can you spare a couple of hours to run a stall or even half an hour to help set up an event or clear away? Are you creative? Can you sew/knit/paint items to sell at our fayres? Can you cut out kits for other people to make? Do you have a business that can donate items for raffle prizes or even act as a sponsor? Are you any good at gardening? Or maybe you're an 'ideas' person who has a great suggestion on how we can raise more money? If nothing else, please continue your support by coming along and spending your money at our cake sales/fayres!

