## **FOSMS**

FOSMS stands for Friends of St Mary's School and is the name given to our parent-teacher association. 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 about 14 members. All parents are welcome to join and we would love to have some new members. So, come along and see what it's all about.



We meet roughly twice a term, in school (usually 3.20pm on a Thursday) to discuss fundraising ideas or to organise the next event. Meetings are very efficient and normally less than 30 mins long. Even if you can't make the meetings it would be great to have you on the team to help at events.

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 how we raised money recently and where we intend to spend it.

As well as raising valued funds for the school, the events also help to foster a sense of community and contribute to the family feel of the school.

If you would like to be involved there are many ways you can help. Everyone has something to offer! Can you bake for our cake sales? Can you spare a couple of hours to run a stall or even half an hour to set up an event or clear away? Are you creative? Can you sew/knit/paint items to sell at our fairs? 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 and fairs!



Recently FOSMs has raised money in many ways including: cake sales, discos, Bags 2 School, non-uniform days, Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, Duck Race and ice cream sales.

This has enabled us to pay for a variety of things including: children's cinema trip, books for the school, sports kit, t-shirts for performances at the Minack, improvements to the fencing of the Early Years playground, raffle prizes at events and more.

Thank you for supporting our events throughout the school year; it really helps to enable St Mary's School to be a great place where our kids can thrive.