

WARMLY WELCOMING YOU TO

ST FINIAN'S
PTFA

2021/22





WELCOME!

Welcome to St Finian's Catholic Primary School!

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community. The school is a fantastic place to learn with a true community spirit. We are confident you and your child will be very happy here.

This booklet aims to set out all the information you will need about our PTFA, which is a major part of our school life. If after having read it, you have any questions, please get in touch with one of the PTFA committee members, or ask via the school office.



ABOUT US

PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and Friends Association.

The PTFA supports the school to run events for the children to have fun, to raise money or support other charitable causes.

All parents and families are automatically members of the St Finian's PTFA when their children join our school. Everyone can get involved even if they have only a small amount of time available.

There are also members of the PTFA with specific roles, such as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.



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Our PTFA is about so much more than just fundraising; we also exist to provide closer links between home and school. It is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, carers and friends together in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

- Louise Rehill, PTFA Chair

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SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

Aside from supporting the school from a logistical perspective, (eg providing refreshments or supervising stalls at events), we raise funds to allow the school to purchase experience-enriching extras for our children, such as IT equipment, music resources, software subscriptions, theatre visits and much more!

In today's economic climate, all schools have high financial pressures. Unfortunately, most schools are not able to provide the nice-to-have extras for the children. This is where the PTFA step in!

In order to raise funds, we provide fun and engaging events for the children such as:

- stay and play sessions
- Christmas parties
- discos
- Summer and Christmas fayres

and much more!



PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

- The adventure playground and playground markings
- Books, learning subscriptions and IT equipment to enhance our children's education and the facilities in school
- Theatre performances
- Early Years outdoor play area
- Transport for pupils to inter-school sporting events
- Christmas and Easter events
- 'Wrapping Room' enabling the children to choose and wrap Christmas presents for family members
- Workshops for the children on special days (such as during Book Week)
- Social events for parents and children such as the Starters and Leavers BBQs
- The New School Building project (by donating £35,000).

We cannot do this without you!

FRASSATI MOUNT

The PTFA is currently raising funds to support the school's exciting new plan for the construction of a new, peaceful environment to celebrate and fully live-out scripture. An emphasis on finding God outdoors and the joy of friendships as demonstrated by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is the inspiration for the project.

'Frassati Mount - Verso L'atto' (Towards the Top) is the working title for this project. Installing seats for 200+ pupils and teachers and a stage using reclaimed railway sleepers will allow pupils to sit and consider how scripture was often delivered on mountains and hill settings to large crowds.



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In this earthly life, after the affection for parents and sisters, one of the most beautiful affections is that of friendship; and every day I ought to thank God because he has given me men and lady friends of such goodness who form for me a precious guide for my whole life.

- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

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THE COMMITTEE

Our PTFA Committee consists of 4 Officers (Chair, Treasurer, Communications Lead and Secretary). We also have other ordinary members to make up the full Committee. We always welcome participation from anyone who wishes to attend, however if you are unable to attend meetings, you are still encouraged to contribute ideas and suggestions at any time.

Meetings are usually every other month, on a Tuesday at 7.30pm – we often have yummy treats to help our brain power!

Meeting minutes are published on the school website. Come along to a meeting and share your ideas! Dates are included in school newsletters and Parentmail messages.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

HOW MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS CAN YOU ACHIEVE?

JUST ONE KIND WORD CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S DAY



STEP 1:
Pick one card from any envelope in your Year Group.

STEP 2:
Complete the act of kindness.

STEP 3:
Add a link to your class paper chain.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO BE KIND.

GO ON TO BE KIND

KEYSTAGE 1

KEY STAGE 2

STAFF



HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP?

Please register your details with us! By registering your information, we will be able to contact you when opportunities to support the school arise. It does not mean you get a job list for every event or be expected to attend meetings! We understand your time is precious.

Examples of when we may communicate opportunities include when support is needed:

- to serve tea or coffee at functions, such as mass and other assemblies
- supervising stalls at fun events such as the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fete
- wrapping presents
- contributing suggestions and ideas for discussion at committee meetings
- contributing baked goods for cake sales
- setting up on sports days
- selling raffle tickets
- shopping online for supplies

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

If you or someone you know would like to offer support or services, we would love to hear from you!

There are events throughout the year where we do ask everyone to get involved, such as dress down days in exchange for a small donation or a bottle of drink. Other ways you can support us:

- Come along to events, such as the Summer Fayre! The Summer Fayre is usually held annually and is a fun-filled day with many stalls, bouncy castles, face painting, food, beverages, raffles and much more!
- Perhaps you can bake or have a special skill or talent we may be able to tap in to?
- Perhaps you might not be able to help but have a family member who would like to give back to the school community?
- Donate outgrown uniform items so they can be resold at our second-hand uniform sales
- Sign up to [Easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)
- Sign up to Matched Giving

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Donate outgrown items or come and grab a bargain for good quality items from as little as £1. Details of sales are communicated via Parentmail.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The Easyfundraising app is free and easy to use! It turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for us. Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and start shopping!

MATCHED GIVING

Matched Giving is when an employer matches funds raised for charity. It is paid using the organisation's own resources. If your employer has a scheme like this, please sign up!

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Please help us by labelling the kids belongings, makes it so much easier for us and prevents you from buying the 15th waterbottle this year!

Enter our special code at checkout to get 20% towards our PTA goals!

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Secret tip:

We do stick on labels for clothing! Put that sewing and iron away!



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Does your employer have a

Matched Giving Scheme?

Matched giving is when an organisation matches the amount of fundraising an employee does for a charity. The fundraising of the individual/s is matched from the organisation's own resource.



Please contact us at
stfiniansptfa@gmail.com for
more details

or speak to your employer

*Thank you very much Vodafone!

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