

PATCH

newsletter

June 2019



Plans are well underway for the Summer Picnic. However, before that we have our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is where you, the members, have a chance to choose a new committee and to hear about what has been happening over the last year and about the future for PATCH.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We cannot stress how important the upcoming AGM is for the future of PATCH. In case you missed the school's recent newsletter, our emails and posters, we will have several vacancies on the committee which if unfilled, mean that PATCH cannot continue as a registered charity.

Why might PATCH have to close?

FOUR committee positions will be vacant: **Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer**. We need a full committee to stay as a registered charity.*

- Three committee members are standing down: Jayla and Jaime are moving abroad, and Lisa has other commitments.
- The Treasurer position has been open for a while, with other committee members covering those tasks.

* The other committee members are standing for re-election.

What would happen if PATCH closes?

The events we put on now, such as the Summer Picnic, Christmas Fair and discos, **might not** carry on.

- If so, the children would lose out because the funds from these events help towards things like their school trips, workshops that visit the school and playground equipment.

How do I join the committee to stop PATCH from closing?

Easy: stand for election to one of the positions by nominating yourself or have someone do this for you. All the members at this meeting then vote to elect the committee. We can accept nominations at any time up to the beginning of the meeting.

For more information about the roles or if you are interested in standing for election, please email Jayla at stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com or find her in the (infant) playground.

Bag2School

There's just time for a **Bag2School** collection before the end of term, details of which will be sent home soon!

This time there will be two chances to drop off your bags:

- **At the Summer Picnic**, between 12noon-3pm;
- **Wednesday, 3 July, by 9am at the latest** – collecting in the infant playground and outside the junior playground.

events

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday, 20 June
3.30pm at school.

Non-uniform day

Friday, 28 June
£1 donation.

Summer Picnic

Saturday, 29 June
12noon-3pm.

Bag2School

Look out for details in your book bags!

We will have two collections:

Saturday, 29 June, any time during the Summer Fair (12noon-3pm) – collection point by the entrance;

Wednesday, 3 July, by 9am at the latest, please! Infant playground and outside junior playground.

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email: stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com

Find us on FaceBook: **St. Mary's Fields Primary School Community**



It would be really helpful if you could bring change with you to the Summer Picnic. Since the school has gone to online payments and banks no longer have any money in them, we won't have as much change to hand for the day as we have had in the past!

Roundup

Spring Disco

£672

A few parents have asked whether we could run the discos over two evenings, as they have children in different age groups.

We do understand the problems some of you have and we will always welcome your ideas. However, to run the discos over two evenings would cost more to hire the DJ, need more volunteers and would make more work for the events team to set up and return the school to normal afterwards. Please also bear in mind that some events can affect after-school clubs.

We want our events to be open to as many families as we can, so for the discos we use the studio for parents and carers who want to stay, perhaps with children in other age groups, saving a trip home and back. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to please all of the people all of the time.

A big thank you to the teaching staff for a great job in checking your children in and out.

Our Amazon link has delivered:

£6.50

smile.amazon.co.uk

Amazon will give PATCH 0.5% of anything bought through this link:

smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1027183-0

Excludes VAT, returns and delivery charges.

UNIFORM

Twice a year, Lisa sorts and washes the uniform from lost property. Once again, she has found an awful lot of un-named clothes that cannot be returned to their owners.

Please do at least write your child's name on the washing label of their clothes. You can also find some good deals on eBay for iron-on or stick-on labels.

Whether you are on a tight budget or just love a bargain, our Pre-loved Uniform stall is the place to go! Everything has been donated or is un-named lost property that cannot find its owner.

Look out for the stall at our events!

Here are just some of the entries from our **Spring Colouring Competition**. Thank you to all the children who entered to help raise:

£83



Our **Volunteering** leaflet is included in our emailed newsletter and shows how PATCH members have helped over the last couple of years. **With the Summer Picnic coming up, how can you help?**

You can also pick up a copy at the school office.



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Have fun helping your school!



We could not run our events without volunteers. Here are just some fun ways that people help PATCH.

How can you help?



Behind the scenes: here we are getting ready for a bake sale by stapling flyers to paper plates.

Celia loves to come along to our *Meet and Make* evenings, and helps to set up events when she can.



David is a committee member and also sells his plants at our summer picnics to raise money for PATCH.



Miss Furze, Miss Toon and **Mrs Halford** gave their time to run the Pimms tent (and left plenty for people to buy!).



Tas helps with competition artwork and raised funds for PATCH by running a henna tattoo stall at our summer picnic.

Agata translates our posters into Polish.



Your donations to our bake sales are always very welcome but why not help us out on the day as well?



Melissa enjoyed helping so much that she became one of our Events Co-ordinators!

We have a small planning team and the five of us have our hands full with our two large fairs and discos, but we welcome anyone with a great idea for a fundraising event to get in touch with us!

How can you help?

Drop us a line!

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or fill in the form below and return it to reception.

Look out for sign-up sheets on the PATCH noticeboard before an event!



Hi, I'm interested in helping PATCH!

My name is:

email:

mobile:

telephone: