

PATCH

newsletter



Summer 2019

Let's start with the wonderful news! Following the AGM, and much to our and the school's relief, PATCH carries on as a registered charity.

We had a great turnout at this year's meeting and welcome Jemma, Sarah, Alka and Kevin to the Committee. We also had some new faces eager to help where they can.

Your new Committee looks like this:

Chair	Jemma Linnell;
Vice-chair	Sarah Stones;
Secretary	Alka Kalidas-Shipp;
Treasurer	Kevin Dunn;
Events Co-ordinator	Melissa Foxon and Liz Mee;
Newsletter Editor	Ian Waldram;
Co-opted member	David Mumford, who makes sure we follow the rules and regulations that allow us to run as a registered charity.

From the Committee

Please join us in thanking outgoing Committee members Jayla, Lisa and Jaime for their enthusiasm and dedication over the last couple of years. Let's also give a round of applause to the teaching staff who kept our children occupied during the AGM.

Join the events team

For some time, PATCH has only had a small events team, which means we have limited the events and activities we put on for the **five** of us to cope.

So much more could be done and **we welcome anyone who would love to get involved in planning or running events** – you don't have to be a Committee member.

Email us, message us on FaceBook, or leave us your details at reception.

Fundraising update

In the last financial year:

The children at St Mary's Fields benefit from your support of PATCH events. Our funds included help towards:

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| • Playground equipment repairs | £850 |
| • Y6 Warning Zone coaches | £350 |
| • KS2 cooking classes | £400 |
| • Playground canopy contribution | £2300 |

You all helped to raise
a magnificent

£4023.75!

On a more personal note, I take this moment to thank Jayla for her outstanding contributions to PATCH.

Jayla brought many fresh ideas to how we work and to give us a clear direction. She also made sure that PATCH's work was not forgotten throughout the changes in leadership at the school. If that were not enough, she had some fantastic recipes to serve up at the discos, Christmas Fairs and Summer Picnics!

Thank you Jayla, it has been a pleasure working with you and, on behalf of the Committee, parents and teachers, carers and helpers at St Mary's Fields, I wish you, Jaime and the boys a fab new life in Norway.

Ian

PATCH Newsletter Editor

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events

You may be interested to know that we start planning events months before they take place. We have to be flexible in what we do because so much can change, even at the last minute.

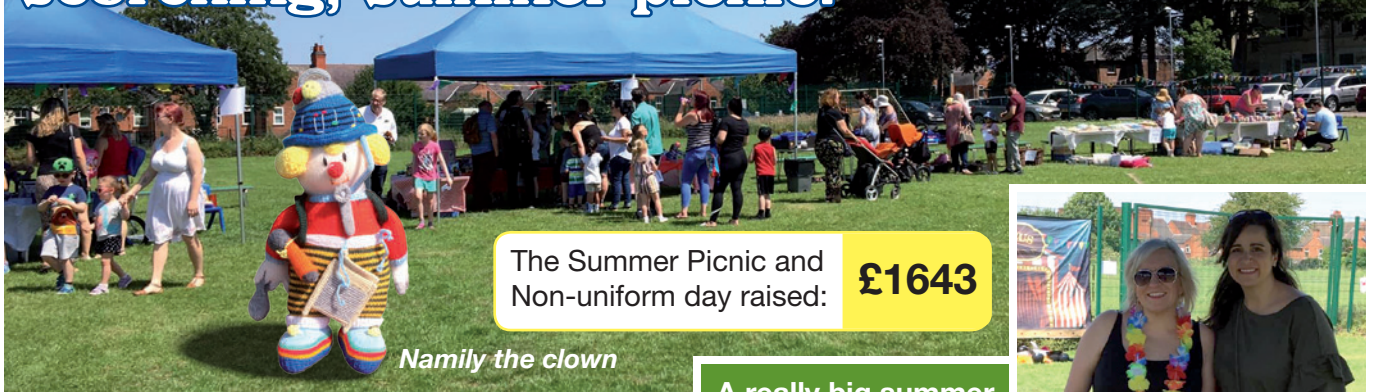
Please bear in mind that we need to be careful of how much we buy in so that we do not end up with loads of stuff we cannot sell. As such, we thank everybody who waited patiently for the extra food to arrive at the Summer Picnic.

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email: stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com

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

Yay! Another sizzling, scorching, summer picnic!



The Summer Picnic and Non-uniform day raised: **£1643**

Namily the clown

Wow! For three years running we have been blessed with absolutely fabulous weather. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, books and cakes, and to all of you who came along on the day to help PATCH support the school.

A really big summer PATCH thank you for the fab raffle prizes from Wilko, Ape Index, Holistics by Zara, David Lloyd and Go Kids Go!



A brilliant **Bag2School** collection raised:

£68



Melissa quickly put these 'volunteers' to work.

We would not be able to run events without volunteers who set up, look after stalls and pack away.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes too, so many ways for you to join in the fun. Look out for our **Volunteering** leaflet on the school's website or pick one up from reception. We look forward to having you on board!



Rounding off

Some extra-special thank yous:

- first to the school office for being brilliant but especially for collecting our forms and money;
- Mrs Summerhays for being an absolute star and opening and closing up for us;
- the Manor House for lending us their gazebos and soft play;
- to all our fantastic volunteers who have helped bring our plans to life;
- our FaceBook moderators.

And finally:

- please join us in wishing Miss Seaby, Ms Knight and Ms McDonald every happiness for the future;
- let's wish all those children leaving St Mary's Fields this year a successful time at their new schools.

Wishing Mrs Cunnold a happy and enjoyable retirement.

No matter what the weather or challenges in life, the warmth and kindness of her morning greeting always makes the sun shine.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, EVERYONE!

