

# PATCH

## newsletter

Christmas 2019



**Welcome** to the first PATCH newsletter of the school year and, if you are new to the school, **welcome to PATCH!**

**PATCH** stands for **Parents and Teachers, Carers and Helpers** and is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for St Mary's Fields Primary School. So if you are a parent or someone who looks after a child at the school, or are a member of staff here, then you already belong to PATCH!

**PATCH** is a **registered charity** that raises money to help towards the children's learning and play whilst at school, such as the cost of school trips, workshops that come to the school and things for the playground.

**PATCH** is run by a committee of volunteers, which is voted in at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), usually in June.

### Your 2019/20 Committee:

<b>Chair</b>	Jemma Linnell;
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Sarah Stones;
<b>Secretary</b>	Alka Kalidas-Shipp;
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kevin Dunn;
<b>Events Co-ordinator</b>	Melissa Foxon and Liz Mee;
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Ian Waldram;
<b>Co-opted member</b>	David Mumford.

Our small events team can always do with an extra bit of help, so if you would like to get involved, please do email us or leave your details at the school office.

## Hello!

My name is Jemma, I am the chair for PATCH this year. You will also know me as the school business manager at St Mary's!

Involving parents and the community is a key priority in making an amazing school and what I am passionate about.

I have two teenage daughters and my background has been working in banking and in primary schools.

I fully support PATCH and their selflessness support to the school and each other, and I hope we can continue to raise much needed funds to support St Marys and, most importantly, to give children opportunities and experiences.

**Jemma Linnell**

PATCH Chair



## events

Events to look forward to in 2020:

**Quiz Night, Easter Disco, Bake Sale, AGM, Summer Picnic.**

Watch out for our posters around school and keep checking your inbox!

**All events are subject to change.**

## contact

email: [stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfieldspatch@gmail.com)

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

Check out our **Volunteer Leaflet** on the school website to see how you can help us to help your school!

[st-marysfields.leicester.sch.uk/patch](http://st-marysfields.leicester.sch.uk/patch)

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## UNIFORM

Please join us in a special thank you to Lisa Chapman for sorting and washing the lost property for our pre-loved uniform stall. This has been a mammoth task, which has now been taken over by Tas Valli and Hana Gomez.

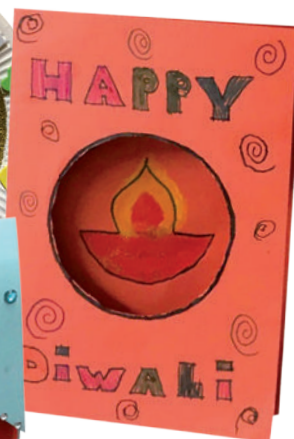
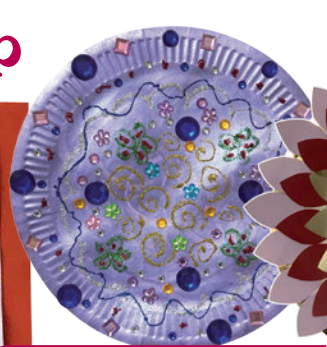


PATCH is running a competition across the school.

**ST MARY'S FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**5p CHALLENGE**

We have placed a bottle in each classroom for the children to fill with 5p coins. The class raising the most wins a prize!

# Roundup



Here are just some of the wonderful creations from the Diwali competitions that helped to raise:

**£45**

## Halloween Disco

It was really good to see so many of you at the rescheduled disco, especially the teaching staff and other volunteers. However, our star bakers need a special mention for the extra work this caused.

Halloween disco raised **£738**

"Well done to you all for another fantastic Christmas Fayre. You are all amazing and the school is very lucky to have you working so hard." **Lotus**

"It was a lovely Christmas Fair that we look forward to every year."

**Smita**

"Had such a lovely time. Thank you so much for putting on such an amazing Christmas Fair."

**Atisha**

"...And to the people who make the food thank you." **Donna**



Extra-special PATCH thanks to Santa for making time to see as many children as he could.

## Christmas FAIR



A big PATCH thank you to Ape Index, Wilko, Twinlakes, Outfit, Co-op, Charisma, De Monfort Hall, Holistics by Zara, David Lloyd, Sainsbury's and Asda for some fantastic raffle prizes, and to Walkers for the super donation of crisps.



This year's Christmas Fair raised an 'elfy

**£1026.61**

On that note,

*Merry Christmas!*