



NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Newsletter of St Mary's CE VC First School Charminster



We hope you have all had a good start to 2022!

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to all those who supported our fundraisers in the run up to Christmas. We raised a grand total of **£532.50** from the Tree decorating competition, the Christmas Hampers Prize Draw and Christmas cards sale, which is fantastic! Our thanks again to the staff at the School for their generous hamper donations!

WHAT WE DO WITH THE MONEY RAISED

The SA's purpose is to advance the education of pupils by offering them opportunities that have a meaningful impact on their education or environment and enrich their school experiences. We also provide activities that support the School.

So, with your generous support and in addition to our regular commitments to School, we are delighted to have been able to donate £2,691.87 recently for:

- DT resources
- Science equipment
- RE resources
- Maths resources
- reading corner furniture and rugs.

We also plan to subsidise trips across the school in both Spring and Summer Terms and we were able to fund this year's Pantomime, Aladdin, which the whole school were able to enjoy on Tuesday. We are fortunate that we can support the School in this way but none of it is possible without the help of and contributions from our whole School community,

Save the dates

- 9th Feb 7pm - Family Fun Day meeting
- 10th Feb - Valentine's Raffle prize draw
- 22nd Feb 8pm - Quiz at The Gamekeeper
- 1st April - School Disco
- 3rd April 10am - Jumble Trail
- 3rd April 10am - Community Litter Picking
- 7th April - Last day of Class Piggy Banks
- 10th July - Family Fun Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary:

Valentine's Day Prize Draw

From 3rd February you can enter our prize win a three-course Valentine's Dinner for two at the Duchess of Cornwall, Poundbury on Monday 14th February (our thanks to the Duchess of Cornwall for their kind donation!) Our two runners up will win gin and chocolate prizes! Tickets go on sale via Gateway until **Wednesday 10th February**. Entry is £2.50 a ticket. Winners will be announced on Thursday 11th February. Good luck!



Pub Quiz

On **Tuesday 22nd February** The Gamekeeper will be hosting a community Quiz from 8pm. Tickets are £3 per person and available from the pub. All proceeds will be donated to The Association, a big thank to The Gamekeeper for running this event!

School Disco

We are hoping to hold a School Disco on **Friday 1st April** so please save the date! Details to follow nearer the time.

Jumble Trail

Together with the Pre-School we are holding a Jumble Trail on **Sunday 3rd April**. £5 a ticket to take part, closing date is Friday 25th March and maps are £1 each available from the School, Pre-School and Charlton Down Cricket Club on the day.

Community Litter Picking

As part of Dorset Council's street cleaning initiative, the Parish Council is organising a litter pick on **Sunday 3rd April** from 10am-midday. Volunteers should meet at Charminster Community Centre at 10am. Please bring your own gloves and pickers if you have them!

Piggy banks

you may have seen the arrival of piggy banks in each class this week and the children have been busy naming them!



We have:

- Curly in Willow Class
- Barry in Oak Class
- Coco Chanel in Beech Class
- Anonopig in Maple Class
- Penny in Linden Class
- Little Piggy in Ash Class

Brilliant choices and we hope we can fill them all before the end of term on **Friday 7th April!** The class that raises most will win a special Easter treat for their efforts.

HELP!

Please email us if you are able to help with any of the following:

Family Fun Day

Last year's event was a huge success and we would love to match that this year on Sunday 10th July! However, the event cannot run without volunteer help and we are low on numbers. Whether you can spare some time helping us organise the event or on the day (or both!) we would love to hear from you and you're very welcome to join us at the first committee meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th February at the Three Compasses.

Snack Shack

We are hoping that Snack Shack can return later this year and we would be very grateful for any volunteers who could spare 30-40 mins on a Friday (from 2.45pm) to help run it.

Eco Uniform Sale

The School's second hand uniform sale is held in the School hall on the first Friday of every month from 8.15-9.15am. We are trying to find regular volunteers for this so we can put a rota in place.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Please follow events on our [SA Facebook Page](#) and if you would like to keep in touch, please join our SA WhatsApp group. We use this to keep parents up-to-date with things, organise events and to ask for volunteers. Please email us and we'll add you to the list: stmarysschassdt2@gmail.com.

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