

ST MARTINS

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PTFA

A warm welcome to your PTFA

We'll keep this brief because we know you already have a lot to do before you join our school community. But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell you some key information about the PTFA (that's Parent Teacher Friends Association), how you can help us, and what's in it for you.

Why does the school have a PTFA?

Our group is called St Martins C of E PTFA. We're a lively group of volunteers.

The main function of our PTFA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as school discos, film nights, an annual Easter egg hunt, Christmas crackers and more.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

The PTFA is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you. Not so long ago, we were new too.



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Recent events held and how much we raised

Christmas Cards	£148.50
Christmas Fair	£2099.74
Rainbow Raffle	£647
Sponsored Bounce	£ 1000

We've also held the following events: film nights, children's disco and break the rules day bringing our 2023/2024 total to

£5059.60

What the PTFA funded with the money

We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources and equipment provided by the PTFA.

In 2022/2023 the PTFA funded three brand new smart boards that have enriched the children's learning and our goal for 2024/2025 is to help fund several iPad devices for the children to further enhance their education, alongside our annual contributions listed below

What did we buy?	Who for?	What were the benefits?
A contribution towards Christmas Panto Coaches	The whole school	Keeping the cost lower for our school families
Leavers Hoodies and Bibles	Year 6 Leavers	A special memento for our year 6 leavers
Reception Water Bottles	New Starters	A welcome gift for our new starters
School Trips - £3 Per Child	The whole school	Keeping costs lower for our school families



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How can you help?

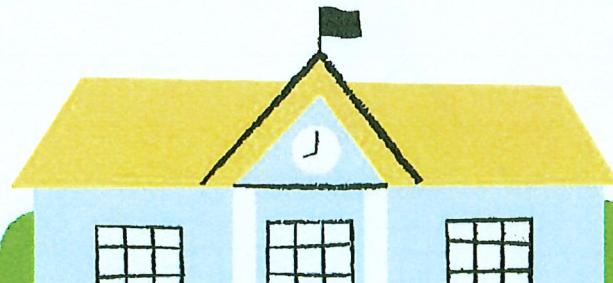
Can you spare some time to volunteer? To keep running these amazing events, and to add new, exciting events in the future, we need your support.

The more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting, help set up an event, serve food or design a poster?

Do you have experience with applying for grants? Time to email local businesses to request donations? Are you a social butterfly that could help with recruiting more committee members? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with?

You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home.



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Other Ways to Support the PTFA

[EasyFundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com/causes/stmartinsceptfa/)

Do you shop online? Did you know that many online retailers can give a donation to our PTFA, at absolutely no cost to you. Retailers that donate include Just Eat, Boots, Bloom and Wild, Lego, Ebay, New Look, Tui, Booking.com, Argos, B&Q, Amazon and more

It is as simple as setting up an account, search the 'Causes' for '**St Martins C of E – PTFA**' and choose to support our cause. If you download the app on your smartphone, it will walk you through setting up donation reminders on your browser. This will bring up a donation reminder anytime you go on a website that offers donations, so even if you forget to go through the link on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com), a simple click will enable the donation.

If anyone has any difficulties or questions regarding this, let us know and one of our members will get in touch to help you set it up.



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Match Funding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTFA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTFA and help us raise money for our school community.



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MyNameTags.com

Labelling uniforms, water bottles and lunch boxes is a huge help in avoiding lost property. If you buy your name tags from MyNameTags.com, they will give a massive 24% of your order total as a donation to our school! Just use our Unique ID - **22947** - at the checkout.

Stamptastic.co.uk

Prefer a clothes stamp rather than traditional labels? Stamptastic is a fantastic solution. Particularly helpful to support children that do not like the feeling of labels.

Our PTFA has joined forces with Stamptastic, meaning every time one of our families order, our PTFA receive a commission for our PTFA fund! Simply use the code CT203JJ in the promotion code box at checkout.

How we keep you up-to-date with our activities?

Facebook group	We post notices about all upcoming meetings on our Facebook group as well as reminders about events and requests for volunteers. Find us on Facebook - St Martins Folkestone PTFA Group.
Newsletter	PTFA events and news are shared in the school newsletter.
Online Communication tool	We post notices about all upcoming meetings in our PTFA Whatsapp group as well as reminders about events and requests for volunteers.



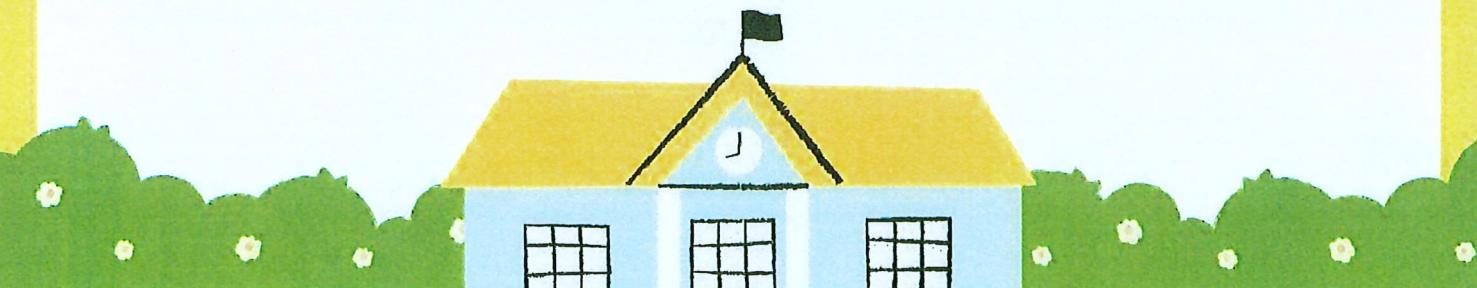
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We've got some exciting news to share with you!

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!



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It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose our Primary School – Find St Martins C of E Primary School using our postcode – CT20 3JJ
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

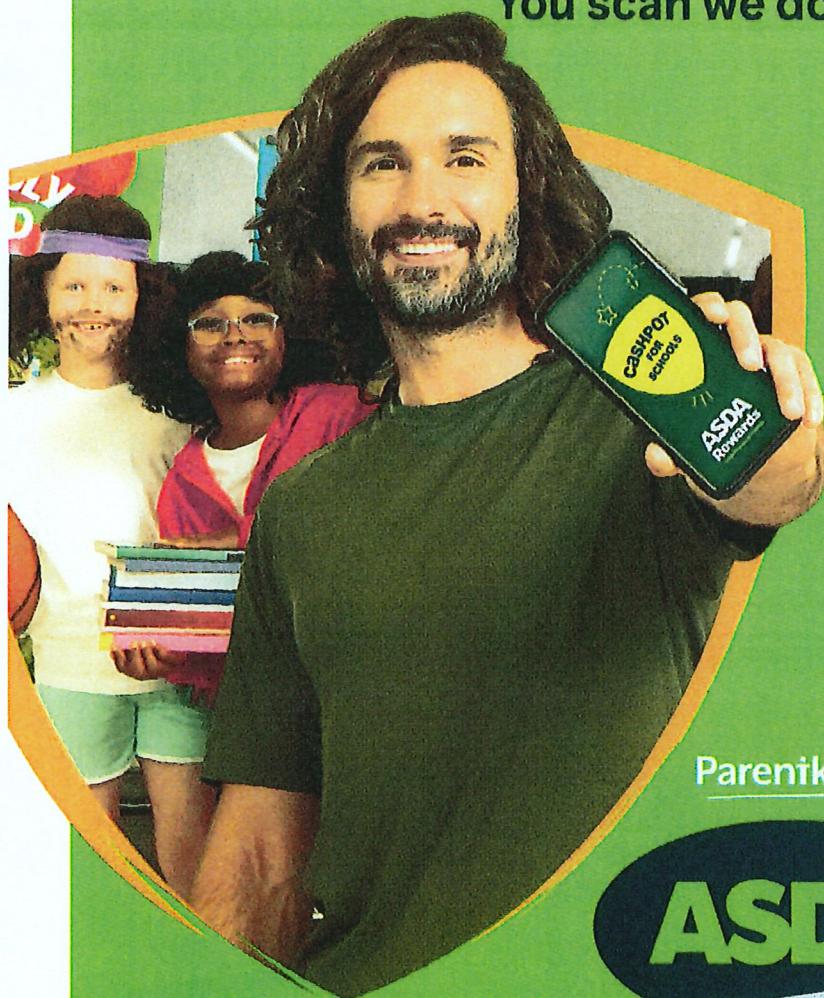
Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

You scan we donate ££s



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THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&C's at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

