



# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## School Association NEWSLETTER

### A letter from the Chair

I would like to welcome everyone to the first edition of the Trimley St Martin School Association Newsletter. This academic year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School Association and we are proud to say it is as strong as ever and we have lots of exciting events planned!!

The School Association (SA), in its current form, started on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1993 and over the years has held events to benefit the school in many ways. In our jubilee year our focus is raising money to provide the new Forest School. **The Forest school** will benefit every single child who currently attends the school and those in years to come.

The SA organises a number of events during the year including at least 4 discos for the children, markets where the children can choose their own presents for family members on special occasions, fairs and car-boots. We also organise larger events such as our recent **Family Fun Day** which was a HUGE success and we hope you all enjoyed it!

To celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are organising an **adult only 80/90s school disco** on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Further details can be found inside the newsletter but as always every penny made goes toward benefiting your children, so please put the date in your diary and come along for a seriously fun evening!!!!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supports us by helping and attending events, without this we would not be able to provide valuable supplies to the school. If anyone would be interested in learning more, getting involved or have any suggestions then please get in touch.

Many Thanks Sarah Collins

### Dates for your diary



17<sup>th</sup> November –  
80's Adults only Disco



22<sup>nd</sup> November -  
Chocolate NSU Day



4<sup>th</sup> December –  
Family Christmas Fair



7<sup>th</sup> December –  
Christmas Market

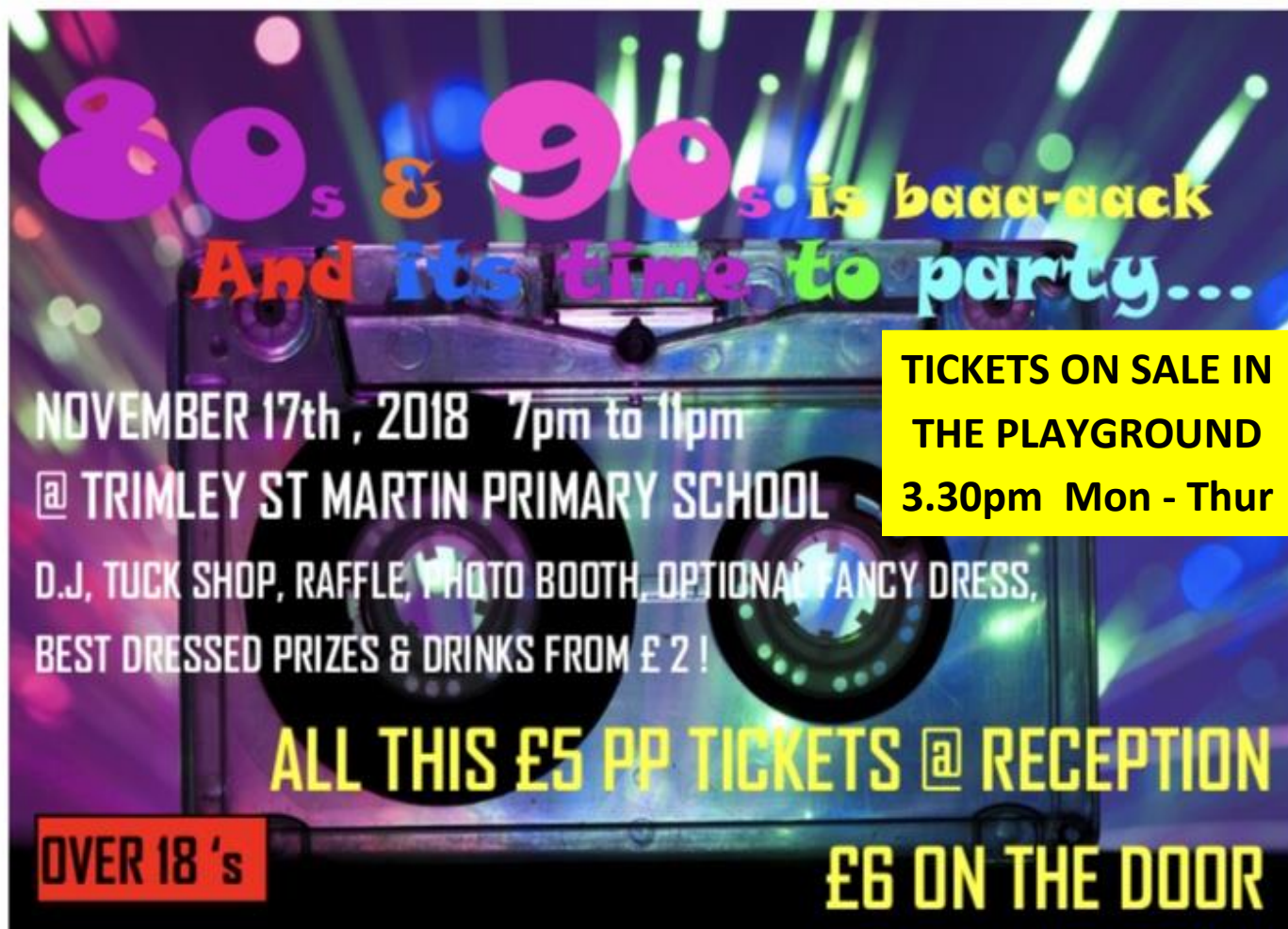


14<sup>th</sup> December –  
Christmas Disco

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm**  
**Committee meeting**

The SA would like to join the wider school community in congratulating Mrs Ross & her dedicated team of staff for realising such an ambitious scheme with the **Outdoor classroom Initiative** and are happy to announce that we have agreed to dedicate the majority of our fundraising efforts, over the next academic year, in helping them to achieve first class facilities. The total cost of the venture is expected to be in the region of £6,000.00 we have already donated in excess of £1,000.00 this year to cover basic building costs with a further £1,000.00 on its way for equipment. It is hoped that, with the support of our band of volunteers, local businesses and your continued efforts in supporting our work we will be able to raise the remaining monies. The upcoming Christmas events, along with an array of other activities we have planned for the Spring and Summer terms, will be pivotal in helping us realise our commitment to the school.





## Funds Update

Following last week's AGM here is a brief recap of all the successful fundraising events held over the past year (Aug 2017-18):

- Christmas & Easter Fairs      **£ 575.00**
- Children's Markets            **£ 630.00**
- Car boot sales                  **£ 341.00**
- Discos                             **£1201.00**

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and some of the ways the school has benefited:

- **£ 200.00**            for classroom chairs
- **£ 758.00**            for Wi-Fi upgrades
- **£1400.00**            for Wild Wood (outside classroom) groundworks
- **Still to come** are a new **winter weather swimming pool cover**, and **six playground picnic benches**.

Thank you to EVERYONE involved in making these such memorable occasions and to all in our school family for your support at each and every event. A special mention must be given to our fabulous treasurer **Rachel Woodrow**; all of your hard work behind the scenes does not go unnoticed.

# Your Team



We must say a special  to our outgoing members, particularly our Vice Chair Cheryl Duke. Thank you so much for all your years of service to our school family. We wish you well at big school!

The following were (re)elected to the committee last week and members agreed to continue to serve:

<b>Committee Chair</b>	<b>Sarah Collins</b>	<b>sarahc.satsm@gmail.com</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Julie Gray</b>	<b>juliem.satsm@gmail.com</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Phillipa Naunton</b>	<b>phillipan.satsm@gmail.com</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Rachel Woodrow</b>	<b>rachelw.satsm@gmail.com</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Charis Ahmed Grace Ireton Carla James Alex Luttrell Karen Stratford</b>	
<b>Staff Representatives:</b>	<b>Mrs S. Ross Mrs J. Lawrence Mrs J Matthews</b>	

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved then please speak to one of the team or get in touch via email. **The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, please feel free to come along. FOR ALL GENERAL ENQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL TO: [contact.tsmschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:contact.tsmschoolassociation@gmail.com)**

**Why do we need a School Association, I mean we all pay our taxes and our school is government funded right?** True but we all know that budgets at every school are being cut and that money is tight. The money raised at our fundraisers is often used to pay for those little extras that make our school a bit more special; be it boosted Wi-Fi or new picnic tables. Knowing that they can (within reason) predict a certain level of fundraised income each year allows Mrs Ross & our teaching staff to plan an effective and realistic budget that means no cuts to activities.

**Why should I volunteer, my time is precious...** To be honest it's NOT that much time. Admittedly committee members are asked to attend one evening meeting a month but our volunteers don't need to. You can help at just one or all of the events – the choice is yours and it's not just bodies at events that make the difference either, everyone has different talents and skills to offer. The best SA's are inclusive (like ours!) and find ways of incorporating all the different things that people can offer. Be that a fantastic cookie recipe for a bake sale, ability with something like graphic design or computers. Similarly parents are a GREAT interface between the school and the 'outside world'. Very handy for soliciting raffle prizes, sponsorships, other gifts in kind or professional help.

**What will I get out of it...?** Well helping at fundraising events helps you get to know your children's teachers better, understand the way the school works and all the problems, challenges and joys they face in their work. You also get to know other parents and their children. This is important for school matters but also great for a more active social life! Talking to other parents helps you and them and on common ground it's a great way to share experiences and parenting tips and let's not forget that by joining in with the SA you have a chance to promote and enhance your school's standing within your local community and with school inspection teams.

But above all **IT'S A LOT OF FUN!!!!** ... Trust me, although occasionally embarrassed, most children do actually like to know that you are taking an interest in their school and sharing their experiences and who doesn't want to watch Mrs Ross in the stocks or Mrs Lawrence burst impromptu into song on the juice bar. To watch the children enjoying themselves at the school discos is a joy and a privilege and an opportunity that is over all too soon.

This is an extract from our latest prize request letter. If you would like a copy to supply to your employer/ friends / contacts then please go to the school website and find the full version in the school Association section.

We accept  
donations  
all year  
round



TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
Reg charity No. 1036786 Committee chair: Mrs. S. Collins

**We all get those gifts we will never use, don't really like, have more than one of the same given to us.**

**WE can make good use of them in our raffle's, tombola's and prize hampers.**

**We would be very grateful for any non-perishable unopened gifts, including wines, spirits, perfumes, beauty sets & toys etc.**

# UNWANTED GIFTS APPEAL

For more information or if you have gifts to donate please contact

Julie—07891 433313 or Email:  
[contact.tsmschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:contact.tsmschoolassociation@gmail.com)



The SA are currently planning and preparing for our most popular period—Christmas! There are a number of events planned including our first 'Back to the 80's' school disco. These are all being used as an opportunity to raise funds to purchase teaching equipment for our outside classrooms initiative. It is our intention that, with the support of our band of volunteers and local businesses, these Christmas activities, along with an array of other events taking place this school year, will enable the SA to purchase a complete wildlife camera system including night vision nest box cameras.

We are hoping that your company will be willing to supply us with a suitable prize for our raffles. Your products/services are always highly sought after so any item you could donate to us would be much appreciated. Alternatively you could sponsor an experience item, such as a meal for two at a local restaurant, in one of our festive hampers or even an entire event! In return for your kind contribution to our efforts we would be pleased to acknowledge your help by offering the following benefits to your company:

- Certificate of thanks.
- Acknowledgement in our next TSM SA newsletter, our social media platforms and our annual report.
- Acknowledgement in any press coverage that the events may receive.

If you are able to help, you have questions about the work of TSM SA, our events or this request, please contact our vice chair: Julie Gray, at [juliem.satsm@gmail.com](mailto:juliem.satsm@gmail.com) or 07891 433313(m).

Thank you in advance and best wishes from everyone at Trimley St Martin Primary School, School Association

