

## **What to Expect at PTA Events 2023 - 2024**

The PTA would like to welcome all the new St John's families! You'll have hopefully seen that the PTA organise a range of events that are held throughout the school year. Last year we had some feedback from new parents that they didn't know what to expect at the events, and so we thought it would be useful to give you a quick low down!

### **BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL EVENING (PARENTS)**

**When: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30-9.30pm**

**Where: Worrall Road Hall, entrance via After School Club entrance in the staff car park on Anglesea Place**

This event is for parents to mingle over a glass to drink and meet new faces. There will be a free bar serving soft drinks and alcohol.

### **PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EVENING (PARENTS)**

**When: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**

**Where: Worrall Road Hall, entrance via After School Club entrance in the staff car park on Anglesea Place**

This is a lovely opportunity to meet others in the St John's School community and to catch up with friends, as well as to hear about the PTA's fantastic achievements from last year and about the plans for the PTA going forward. Everyone will receive a free welcome drink with doors opening at 7.30pm for a chance to have a chat and a mingle, with the meeting running from 8.00pm.

Coming along to the PTA AGM does not come with any responsibilities, everyone is welcome whether they feel they would like to get more involved or not.

### **DISCO**

**When: November 10<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 4.45 - 7.00pm**

The doors open at 4.45, the DJ will be warming up with the aim of getting the disco in full swing at 5.00pm. The first hour (until 6pm) is designated for the infant children (EYFS, Year 1 & Year

2) but older siblings are of course able to come along – they may just need to tone down their dance moves whilst the little ones have control of the dance floor! Key stage 2 children join in the fun at 6.00 and the disco ends at 7.00.

**Where: Worrall Road Hall, entrance via the playground on Mornington Rd**

**How to join: Tickets will be sold on Classlist and at entrance.**

**Entertainment & Catering:**

- We run a bar serving soft drinks and alcohol, and hot food is also served – usually in the form of hotdogs, veggie hotdogs and falafel wraps.
- The DJ is a professional DJ who comes along with his lights and sound system, encouraging the kids to dance, play games and enjoy themselves. Parents are welcome to stand around the sides of the halls watching their kids, or they can get some fresh air under the canopy and chat to friends at the bar. There's no denying that the disco is a loud and busy event, but the children love it and you'll be rewarded with them having a lie in the next morning!!
- Children also have the choice of going out to play in the playground, but parents are responsible for their children, so they do need to keep an eye on them. There is also usually a nail and temporary tattoo stall.

Most children choose to get changed into their party clothes ready for the disco, but some just wear their school uniform.

## **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP (PARENTS)**

**When: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**

**Where: Worrall Road Hall, (entrance via the carpark/afterschool club entrance on Anglesea Place)**

**How to join: Tickets will be sold on Classlist. Tickets sell out quickly!**

Back by popular demand we're very excited to be running another St John's PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, a fundraising event for parents/carers!

Led by our very own Wreath Making Expert Rachel Crocker, you will be taught how to create an individual Christmas Wreath ready to be hung on your front door ready for Christmas!

All materials will be provided, along with a welcoming festive beverage! The infamous St. John's Bar will be there to keep you well refreshed as you create your masterpiece!

The price of the workshop is an absolute bargain at £30 (all other workshops in the area are

double this price!) so please come along (with a group of friends or on your own) and get creative!

Please buy your tickets on Classlist... spaces are limited so get in there quickly!

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**When: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 - 6.30pm straight after school**

**Where: Worrall Road Hall & Classrooms surrounding it, entrance via the playground on Mornington Rd**

### **Entertainment & Catering:**

- Each class is allocated a stall to run – the class reps take the lead with organising the stall and parents/carers from the class sign up to take shifts to help run the stall.
- As well as the usual bar and hot dogs, there will be a grotto (with tickets to see Santa being sold in advance) and various Christmas themed games/crafts/activities.
- One stall the children always love is the Secrets Room where the children go in (without their parents) buy a gift for their parents/loved ones and wrap it ready to put under the tree ready for Christmas day! It is a busy and exciting event and well worth a visit.
- RAFFLE tickets can still be bought and there are some amazing prizes - buy tickets on Classlist. The raffle will be drawn at 5.30pm on Friday.
- The Christmas Raffle is drawn at the end of the Christmas Fair – you'll have a chance to buy raffle tickets on Classlist which will be released a couple of weeks before the fair and can buy more at the fair. If anyone has any contacts of anyone who may want to donate prizes to our raffle, please get in touch!

Class teachers can organise your child to be walked from Lower Redland Road if you're volunteering at Worrall Road, just inform your class teacher where you'll be in the fair.

On the day of the Christmas Fair, children can pay £1 to go to school dressed in 'non-school uniform' (the teacher will collect the £1 at the beginning of the day.)

## **NEW YEARS QUIZ NIGHT (PARENTS)**

**When: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**

**Where: TBC**

Join our fun quiz night for parents/carers to get out without their children to socialise and let their hair down. We'll send more information via Classlist nearer to the date. Watch this space to find out what this year will hold but put the date in the diary now and book a babysitter!

## **FILM NIGHT**

**When:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4.45 - approx. 7.00pm

**Where:** Worrall Road Hall

### **Entertainment & Catering:**

- This is a bit of a more chilled event, mats are laid out in the hall for children to relax on, pizza and popcorn are available to buy, and a film is shown on the big screen. The film is chosen nearer the time, but we usually try to get hold of a new release which is not yet out on DVD which is a U and suitable for all.
- The bar will be serving soft and alcoholic drinks so that parents/carers can catch up with friends whilst the children quietly watch the film... what more could be better!

## **SUMMER FAIR**

**When:** June 7<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 – 6.30pm

**Where:** Worrall Road Playground

### **Entertainment & Catering:**

The other big event of the year – the Summer Fair is held straight after school on a Friday. The Worrall Road playground becomes a hive of activity, with various stalls, games and activities taking place – roughly based on a ‘theme’ which is chosen nearer the time. As with the Christmas Fair, each class is allocated a stall to run – with class reps taking the lead with support from other parents taking a shift to help run the stall.

Drinks are served at the legendary St John’s Bar, and hot food and delicious snacks are plentiful. If our British summer fails us, we do have a wet weather plan, and the stalls get moved inside (just like the Christmas fair).

On the day of the Summer Fair, children can pay £1 to go to school dressed in ‘non-school uniform’ – with an outfit roughly based on the theme of the fair.

## **ST JOHN’S BBQ**

**When:** July 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 – 6.30pm

**Where:** Worrall Road Playground

### **Entertainment & Catering:**

This is the day you find out what class your child will be in next year, and after school you will have an opportunity to meet your new class teacher. Straight after this, head over to Worrall Road to enjoy a delicious BBQ whilst the children play in the playground and you can raise a toast to the end of a fantastic school year!

### **Other events**

A few other events may crop up throughout the year – a craft workshop for parents or a trip to a local wine tasting place – details will be available as/when these occur.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

All these events can only happen with the support of parents/carers. This is how you can help;

### **Discos/Film Night/BBQ**

Your class reps will contact you nearer the time asking for volunteers to help on the designated station for your year group. You will be sent a link to sign up for a half hour slot to volunteer your time.

- If you are asked to be 'on the gate' this involves taking people's tickets (if tickets bought in advance) or selling tickets on the gate. There may also be glow sticks, or UV facepaints to sell on the gate for the discos.
- If you are asked to volunteer at the bar, you will join Becca the bar manager in selling and serving drinks.
- If you are asked to volunteer serving food, you will take the money for and serve the hotdogs, crisps, snacks etc coming from the kitchen. There is no cooking or food preparation involved.
- If you are asked to man the tattoo/nail bar, you'll have the joy of delighting the children by painting their nails/applying their temporary tattoo!
- If you have a yearning for hiding away in the kitchen cooking sausages/pizza, get in touch as Sol the Catering Manager is always looking for new recruits to join her kitchen team!

### **Christmas/Summer Fairs**

Please, please, please support your Class Reps by signing up for a half hour shift on your classes stall.

## **Parents Social**

If you're a chef and fancy catering for a pop up café, please get in touch!