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## St Mary's PTA Newsletter

We would like to say a warm welcome back to everyone and hope everyone is safe, well and adjusting to the new normal!

As the whole world is, we are adjusting and adapting to the 'new normal' but raising money for the children of St Mary's is still very important to us. Meetings are on hold and unfortunately, we won't be able to hold our annual events such as the Autumn Disco, Christmas Fayre and film nights. This is as much of a disappointment to us as it is the children as we look forward to these events as much as the children! We are discussing other ways in raising money via non-contact fund raising such as the annual Christmas card project.

Normally from the proceeds of the summer fayre we donate money for the school to purchase new books for library, however as we weren't able to hold a summer fayre this funding wasn't available to the school. The school have purchased fiction books but are in need of non-fiction books that link to the new wider curriculum in school. The school will use these books for teaching in subjects such as art, geography, history and science. It will also aid the reading lessons to allow children to read more up to date information for engaging and interesting topics. So together with the PTA an Amazon wishlist has been created and we are kindly asking for parents to purchase a book from the wishlist to be donated the school. The school will add a book plate in the front of book to say that this book has been donated by said family. We appreciate times are hard in the current situation but our thoughts behind the wishlist are instead of buying the ticket for the Autumn disco and then refreshments, sweets and glow sticks, to purchase a book instead, cutting the middle man out so to speak. The link to the wishlist will be put on the school's twitter page later this week.

Letters will be sent out regarding the Christmas card project in the couple of weeks, so please watch out for those. If anyone has any fund raising idea's you would like to share with us please contact Tobi Sixsmith at [ttbuckley@icloud.com](mailto:ttbuckley@icloud.com).

Thank you for your continued support as always, it is very much appreciated.

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