



Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome to all our new children and their families, and welcome back to everyone else. We are the Friends of St Martin of Porres – also known as the Parent Teacher Association or PTA.

The Friends exist to:

- Arrange fun events for our school community
- Raise much-needed funds to support our children

Get involved

All members of the school are automatically part of the Friends but we do have a couple of specific committees where people have specific roles. We are actively looking for new members for our committees and would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved. The Friends can only thrive and survive with YOUR help. Could you help with any of the following:

- **Chair and vice-chair** to lead the Friends
- **Vice-treasurer** to help look after the finances
- **Secretary** to support the Friends' work
- **Event groups** to help plan and run Christmas, Summer and other events
- **Class reps** to share messages and arrange a cake sale (each year will host 1 cake sale per year). Even if your class already has a rep, please come forward to give them a break or share responsibilities!
- **Little jobs:** designing posters, ordering raffle tickets, updating Facebook, making prize hampers for raffles, signing Lottery returns, ordering stocks of prizes ...

Come along to the AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in late September/early October - look out for the date and time which will be published shortly in the newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to come along. Find out more about the Friends, help plan events and share your ideas for raising (and spending!) money.

Key Dates

Please regularly check [Facebook](#), WhatsApp groups, the weekly newsletter or the [school website](#) as events are added throughout the school year.

If you can help, or simply want to find out more, please come to the AGM or email stmartinfriends@gmail.com. We'd love more people to be involved, even if you can only offer time occasionally, or do a little. You can also take a look at our website: <https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Parents/Friends-of-St-Martin-s/>

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Ongoing fundraising activities include:



Christmas Cards campaign

Order cards, postcards, wrapping paper, keyrings, magnets, sticky gift labels, notebooks and chocolate bars – all with your child's artwork. Every order will raise funds for our school. Children will be completing their designs in class so please look out for the designs and order sheets in school bags and order quickly!



Events and Donations

Last year we held Christmas and Summer Fairs; KS1 and KS2 discos; a Christmas raffle; a Rainbow Easter raffle; and regular cake and uniform sales run by each year group. We also raised money through our Christmas cards campaign and by recycling fabric, Ferrero Rocher boxes and Pringles tubes.



Element Properties - Estate Agent Sponsorship

Element Properties have kindly sponsored our Summer and Christmas fairs for the last 3 years. They donate £15 to the Friends for every sponsorship board on display so we are always keen to have as many boards as possible. The boards are put up 6 weeks ahead of each fair so we will send a request in advance and encourage you to let us know if you are able to have a board outside your home or business - every single board makes a difference and helps to support our school to raise valuable funds for the children.



School Lottery

We sell 25 tickets each week for our School Lottery so thank you to everyone who plays – but we'd love to sell at least 30 a week! Someone from the St Martin's community wins a small cash prize every week and there are also big prizes to be won. Sign up today:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-martin-of-porres-catholic-primary-school>



EasyFundraising

We encourage all parents and carers to sign up for easyfundraising as this is an easy way to raise funds for the school while you are shopping online. Once you set up an account and link to our cause (St Martin of Porres Primary School), you will be fundraising for the PTA each time you shop at one of the associated brands. Please visit [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk), find our school on the list and then sign up to earn money while you shop!

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