

Farnsfield St. Michael's PSA Newsletter

What a fantastic first term back for the PSA!

I'm thrilled to share the resounding success of our first term's events and fundraising initiatives. This has included our very first movie night, a non school uniform day, the annual Christmas fair and the ever successful Christmas disco. In total we have raised an impressive £2400 over the Autumn term.

The new term has also brought a change to the committee members, with new faces in some of the roles. I'm hoping their fresh perspectives will contribute to the ongoing success of the PSA.

Gary Olliffe
PSA Chair

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Up and Coming PSA Events - March 2024

Friday 22nd
PSA and Pre-School Quiz
Night

Monday 25th
Class bake-off and cake
sale

Wednesday 27th
PSA School Disco

Who's who in the PSA?



Chair - Gary Olliffe

I have two children at St Michael's school; Isaac (10) and Elijah (5). I've been involved with the PSA since 2021, becoming Chair in September 2023.

In my professional role, I work in project management across a number of Local Authorities. As I work full time, I try to fit my spare time around family life. With the extra little time I have I try to support the community as much as I can; part of this is leading the PSA, helping out organising events and supporting the fundraising activities for the school. I also support the local Scouts branch as an assistant leader for the Squirrels Dray within Farnsfield.



Vice Chair - Matt Singleton

I joined the PSA on the back of my son starting at St Michaels and my daughter being due to come up in the next academic year. I wanted to play a more active part working with the school to enhance both their experience, and that of everyone else who is connected to the school. There is massive opportunity to enhance the impact the PSA has and I'm excited to be a part of that. We've a list of events and ideas that I firmly believe everyone will enjoy and I'd encourage everyone to help where possible whether that's the monthly meetings, supporting at events or anything in-between!

For me personally, I've found a better understanding of the school and what's important to it's development, whilst learning about clubs and the like that my kids can be a part of! Also, having a forward view of events is incredibly handy in getting the babysitters in / planning our family calendar well in advance!



Secretary- Laura Spinks

My name is Laura Spinks, and I am mum to Hector, and twins Edith and Ivy, who all attend Farnsfield St Michaels Primary School. I joined the PSA in 2020 in the role of Secretary because I wanted to make a positive contribution to the community with some of (the little!) spare time I have. Volunteering to help the PSA is particularly important to me because, without volunteers, this fabulous Committee would not exist. The Committee adds additional benefit to the children's education by funding valuable, additional resources that would otherwise not be possible. This is in addition to all the fun events that the PSA organises for the students and families/carers to take part in!

Who's who in the PSA?



Committee Member- Tony Light

My name is Tony and I joined the PSA as a committee member 2 years ago to do my bit. My daughter is now in year 3. She loved the school discos for KS1 and Panto Bus.

The additional income raised by the PSA enables all of the children at the school to have additional equipment and events they otherwise would not get.




Committee Member - Emma Waterhouse

I joined the PSA as I felt it was important to support other members of the PSA to organise and assist with fundraising activities. Without the PSA there wouldn't be fun activities such as discos and Christmas Fairs which raise much needed funds for school, therefore benefitting all our children, and I enjoy being a part of it.



Committee Member- Nina Brasier

My name is Nina and my daughter, Minnie, is in year 3. The main reason that I decided to join the PSA, is because I think its so important to help to raise funds for the school and at the same time, putting on events that the kids love! The cakes that were promised at the PSA meetings were also a slight draw! Without the extra money raised by the PSA, the kids would miss out on the "extra" things such as the leavers jackets, the Christmas pantos etc. I know that people think it's a lot of work joining the PSA, but it really doesn't have to be.....the more people we have, the less work it is!




Thank you to Gallagher's UK

After a successful Christmas Fair in December 2023, at which we raised a whopping £2,000, one of our wonderful parents at St Michael's made an application through her company's donation scheme to match some of the money raised. Pippa Berridge-Allwood applied to Gallagher's UK for a donation of their 'match funding' initiative, and was successful in securing a £700 donation to the PSA.

So, what is matched funding? It's a nifty way to supercharge PSA fundraising efforts, with help from company funding. The company pledges to match a slice of the charity's fundraising efforts, just asking for proof of the funds raised and charity status, which the PSA can happily supply.

This is such a great way to boost our funds and raise even more money for our school. We would urge you - all parents and carers - to check with your employers to see whether they operate a matched giving scheme. If they do, please let us know and get in touch - we promise that the process is straight forward!

Once again, big thanks to Gallagher's and Pippa for the fabulous matched funding – your support is greatly appreciated!



Help us reach our destination!

One of the initiatives the PSA are embarking on is huge mission to raise funds to allow us to purchase minibuses for the school and wider community use. The PSA is hoping to use the power of grant funding to make pipeline dream a reality.

For us to be successful we're calling on all grant gurus and fundraising wizards to team up with the PSA and help us out with this minibus dream. These minibuses mean way more than just rides - they're portals to endless fun, field trips, and mind-blowing experiences that'll jazz up our kids' worlds.

Every bit of help counts and will be showered with heaps of gratitude! So please, let us know if you can help and let's make this minibus magic happen!

The PSA needs you!

Becoming a PSA volunteer is a rewarding and enriching experience. If as a volunteer that's organising or supporting fundraising events or assisting with grant applications all support is greatly appreciated. By joining the PSA you'll build connections with other parents and educators, contribute to the enrichment of your child's school, and most importantly, witness the positive impact your efforts have on the entire school community.

We understand that everyone has different schedules and commitments. Therefore, we welcome volunteers who can offer any amount of time they're able to contribute. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or simply assist with specific events, your contribution will be deeply appreciated and make a significant difference.

To learn more and express your interest in volunteering, please contact:
farnsfieldstmichaels-psa@hotmail.com or attend our next PSA meeting on
Thursday 25th April - More details to follow

We look forward to welcoming you to the PSA team and working together to create a vibrant and thriving school environment for our students!