



## St Andrew's School Association Spring Term Update 2019

Hopefully everyone is fully refreshed after the half term break and looking forward to the Spring!

We were delighted with the quiz evening which was very well attended and raised £955. Thank you to those who came along and supported St Andrew's and a special thank you to Mr & Mrs Hearmon who as always did a fabulous job as comperes for the evening.



### Events Spring Term 2019

- **Second Hand Book Sale – 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day** (all donations welcome)
- **Year 2 Cake Sale – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**
- **School Disco - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** FS to Year 5 (an alternative event may be planned for Year 6 – let us know what they would like)
- **Mothers Day Event – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** (details to be finalised)
- **Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**All donations gratefully received.**



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If you have any unwanted gifts, we would be happy to take them off of your hands to save storing them for another year!!  
Donations can be taken to reception or given to one of your year reps..  
These will be recycled to help us to raise much needed funding for school

**We will be running a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book sale on March 7<sup>th</sup> following World Book Day in school. If you have some books which are in good condition which you would be happy to donate, please bring these into school, every little helps as they say!**

As well as this, please remember to make purchases through the EASYFUNDRAISING app. Log into [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschinnor](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschinnor)

You can then continue to the supplier of your choice and place your usual order. With NO cost to yourself at all, a percentage of the order total will be donated to the school. This is literally money for nothing! Give it a try and if you need assistance, please feel free to contact us and we will help you.

Retailers include: Amazon, John Lewis, Asda, ASOS, Topshop, M & S, Argos, Expedia, Booking.com, Travelodge & Virgin Atlantic amongst many others ( I found out today that Krispy Kreme are also affiliated)!!!



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Finally for today, I came across this article on the internet this week printed by the Sunday Times. Interesting reading. As such, we owe a huge thank you to you all for helping us to help our children!

### 'Parent army' drums up £100m for schools

**Sian Griffiths**  
Education Editor

Schools are being kept afloat by an army of parents who raised more than £100m last year to pay for books, classroom equipment, trips and even the painting of buildings, according to a survey of the work of parent-teacher associations (PTAs).

The survey, conducted every two years, shows PTAs raised £108m last year compared with £99m in 2016.

However, it is not just their money that is being used to bail out schools, which are often forced to spend the cash on things that many people would assume the government pays for.

On top of their fundraising efforts, Britain's parents spent almost 3.7m hours volunteering in schools, doing everything from practising reading with pupils to running second-hand uniform stalls and showing parents how to help children with their homework.

The study by Parentkind, formerly PTA UK, which champions the role of parents in their children's education, shows it is largely mothers, rather than fathers, who are helping out schools. The

majority of PTA committees are run entirely by mothers, with less than 2% of them having at least 50% men.

Michelle Doyle Wildman, the head of Parentkind, said: "There is a silent army of parents helping schools in a huge number of ways. And this is good news, as there is a wealth of evidence that shows that parents taking an active role in children's education makes a massive difference to how well they do."

The survey, based on responses from more than 1,000 members, revealed that a quarter of PTAs raised £10,000 or more for their school last year.

It also found that the most common items bought were educational materials such as books and classroom or sports equipment (82% of PTAs spent funds on these); playground equipment (60%); school trips (54%); and renovation (31%).

Doyle Wildman warned that teachers need to be careful not to overload parents, who might be struggling with their own finances and work-life balance but desperately want to help their children's school.

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