

# Welcome to St John's School Association



On behalf of the St John's School Association (SJSA) we would like to warmly welcome you to St John's. The SJSA (school PTA) is a voluntary organisation made up of parents, carers, teachers and school staff. As a parent/ carer of a child at St John's, you are automatically a member of the SJSA and we welcome anyone who would like to get involved. The skills, experience and enthusiasm provided by parents and teachers play a vital role in the SJSA's success and all contributions, big or small, are greatly appreciated.

Schools now, more than ever, are faced with shrinking budgets and growing class sizes, not to mention high standards for teacher and student performance and so schools need the support of families and the community. Through fundraising events, the SJSA has been able to:

- \* raise funds to enrich the education of all children at St John's School and support school activities;
- \* help build a sense of community between parents, staff and others associated with the school;
- \* ensure that children enjoy their time here by providing fun social events and other SJSA sponsored activities.

## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

The SJSA has run a number of successful events in the past thanks to the generous support and contributions made by parents, carers, staff and the St John's community. Past events included our ever-popular Christmas and Summer Fairs, nearly new uniform sales, book and cake sales, readathons, school discos, Easter egg hunts, and our end of year summer BBQ!

As a result, the SJSA have recently been able to help contribute to the purchase the following items:

- \* 75 brand new Lenovo Chromebooks
- \* £2000 worth of reading books
- \* Outdoor Reading shed
- \* Playground games and equipment
- \* Outdoor speaker
- \* Author school visits
- \* Christmas Pantomines

## **HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE SJSA?**

Getting involved is easy and a fantastic way to gain confidence, meet parents from different year groups, and to find out what's going on at the school, and help decide how funds should be spent.

You could:

- \* Become a committee member (elected in at the AGM meeting held in October)
- \* Volunteer to help at an event or join a sub-committee
- \* Put your special talents to good use - whatever you're good at - we can find a job to utilise your skill.
- \* Come along to a meeting or contact the chair or secretary. All parents/ carers are welcome.
- \* Share ideas - this is your school and we value your input so if you have an idea about fundraising or an event, please get in touch!