



**Parent
Teacher
Friend
Association**

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Welcome to St David's Church in Wales Primary School!

We are so glad you chose us to educate your child(ren). As well as the amazing teaching staff and senior leaders at the school, there is also an active Ffrindiau Dewi Sant in the school.

I'm writing to introduce myself and to encourage you to consider being a part of a volunteer community that supports your children's education in numerous ways.

My name is Jennifer Webster and I am Chairperson for the school PTFA. I have 2 children in St David's. As a parent I came to this school with very little understanding of how a school operates and what part the **Parent Teacher & Friend Association** plays.

Whilst I was interested in getting involved, I was also very hesitant. I was concerned about how much volunteering I would have to do, if I would have to do fundraising and would I be expected to go to lots of meetings. I just had no idea of what it involved and this prevented me from joining. However, I kept running into more and more interesting, dedicated, and fun parents that were PTFA members; eventually I gave it a try. I thought "I'll just go to one meeting to see what it's all about". I was struck by the amount of caring and concern for our children that was the backbone of these meetings. The quiet dedication that runs through both our school PTFA and teaching staff was really eye opening. I could feel that it was something worth being a part of. I would never in a million years have thought it would lead to an elected position, and it certainly doesn't have too...I'm just a parent who is operating within a fantastic group of parents and staff to support the education of all the children at St David's.

So, with that being said, I guess I would like to encourage you to say 'I'll give it a try!' There are some predetermined ways that the PTFA needs volunteer support, but there's also room for your skill set in ways we may not have explored yet. The PTFA benefits from all kinds of volunteering, from taking a shift at an event, shopping for stock for an event, collecting donations for raffle prizes, perhaps you could share your financial expertise or your marketing experience, crafting passion, gardening enthusiasm, love of sports, graphic design skills, mum skills, dad skills, and on and on! Any way you might consider sharing your time with us is so important.

Becoming a member of the PTFA is the first step to helping out. It's easy and you do not have to attend the meetings (although they are only once a half term at most). When you become a member, you do have voting rights and can help decide how the money raised will be spent in our school.

If you are new to St David's, or even if you have been with the school for many years but have just never thought of being involved in the PTFA, it may not be clear what some of the volunteer positions actually entail. Please come and ask me! We want to hear from you...we understand how precious time is to all of us...if there is a way you can help that fits well in your schedule then we're sure we can find a good match!

Here's to a great year at St David's!
Jennifer Webster, PTFA Chair

What does the PTFA do?

- ☆ Organise & host the school parties (glow disco, Valentines disco and the End of Year disco)
- ☆ Organise & host school fayres (Christmas and Summer)
- ☆ Organise Rags2Riches clothing collections
- ☆ Organise & host the Easter Egg hunt
- ☆ Sell refreshments at events, such as sports day

These are just a few of the events that we hold throughout the school year. We have some exciting new events in the upcoming year so look out for more info.

How can you help?

- ☆ Become a member of the PTFA (its free!!!!)
- ☆ Come to meetings (once every half term at most for an hour)
- ☆ Come along and support the events throughout the year
- ☆ Donate raffle prizes
- ☆ Ask your employer to donate a prize
- ☆ Do you own a business that can donate a prize?
- ☆ Sign up to Easyfundraising.org.uk. It's easy, free and just by doing your regular shopping you will be earning money for the school, and our children
- ☆ Does the company you work for have a 'Match Funding' incentive? These matched amounts of money hugely increase the available funds
- ☆ 'Helping Hands' is a way to support the school events for those who may not have the time to be on the main committee, but do have to time to help at the various events. No event could run without those amazing volunteers who help on the day, maybe to set up or clear away, maybe to take a shift on a stall or to serve refreshments. Help from these vital volunteers is invaluable.....could you be a 'helping hands' type volunteer?

As you can see, we are really busy, but we have a lot of fun and all our hard work is definitely rewarded by enhancing facilities at our school. As a PTFA, we welcome you to St David's and look forward to meeting you either at our meetings, or at the school events.