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A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST MONICA’S

A very warm welcome to St Monica’s School. We’re thrilled to welcome you to our grandest event of the year, the St Monica’s Christmas Bazaar! Be it your first event or one of many we would like to thank you for supporting our school. To our community of fellow parents and carers, teachers and support staff, friends and family – we’re pleased to have you here. Let’s make this a truly spectacular event!

*Emma, Linda,
Kathleen, Bonnie,
Lisa and
Anne-Marie*

The Friends of
St. Monica’s Committee
thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com

Gifts Galore
Explore a wide array of stalls, each brimming with unique gifts, handcrafted treasures, and delightful treats. Find the perfect presents for your loved ones!

Fun & Games
Get ready for a day of fun and festivities. We have games, prizes, and exciting activities for all ages. It’s a day to make memories and have a blast with friends and family!

Supporting Our School
Your generous contributions at the Bazaar directly support our children’s education and enhance the school experience. Together, we’re making a real difference.

Donation Link
If you can’t make it in person but would still like to donate a little something, you can use the link here: goodhub.com/the-friends-of-st-monicas-school. Every penny is gratefully received.

Merry Christmas
On behalf of The Friends of St. Monica’s we would like to thank you for being part of the Bazaar. Wishing you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



THANK YOU!

It is because of the sense of community that St Monica's fosters that we are able to host the events that we do. It takes a small village to pull it all together and it is the generosity and kindness of others that glues it all (and us) together.

To our Class Reps, fellow parents and carers, our teachers, support staff and children. Our donors, fundraisers and caretakers, we thank you!

To everyone who has baked a cake, provided some homemade cooked food, donated a bottle, a jam jar, their gift of time, we sincerely thank you as without you, we couldn't do it!

Far from an exhaustive list, but here are some of the ways our community has come together.

Our very own **Tony** for helping us set-up, run things like a machine behind the scenes and help tidy away at the end of the day!

Mrs Duffy and Team from **Centre Stage** for their performances on the day!
centrestageuk.com

Jay, a parent, for designing and printing the Raffle Tickets for us, via his Creative Agency Thirst.
thirstcreative.co.uk

Thank you to all the children who entered our competition to design the front cover and back page for our Christmas Bazaar e-brochure! Lots of such lovely entries which made it very difficult for Mrs Baptiste to choose!

Well done to **Chloe Croft** (2G) for designing our front-page cover and to **Hannah Pyzewska** (6Y) and **Grace Harper** (2Y) awarded 2nd and 3rd place!

Perry, a friend of a parent from [@greendragontrees](https://www.instagram.com/greendragontrees) for donating the TWO Christmas Trees we have today AND to **Annette**, a parent, **with her mum** who decorated them so beautifully for us.

Thomas James, local Estate Agent, for being our bazaar sponsor.

You'll find them over at the Mulled Wine stall!

thomasjamesestateagents

George from **Bespoke Shutters** for sponsoring our bar!
bespokeshutters.com

Andy, an uncle (and past pupil!) for all the new signage we have today.

Charlotte, a parent, for designing this e-brochure along with our newsletter.

Mr Charles-Nelson and **Mrs Baptiste** for coordinating the Children's Choir and to our children for singing so beautifully and adding to the festivities!

Our Print Shop, who printed our lovely banner that you see outside the school today. A great new addition to our high street!
ourprintshop.co.uk

Daniela and Francesca, parents and sisters! who pound the pavements, email and chase for all the amazing raffle prizes we're able to offer.

Ozi, an Estate Agent and Parent, who will donate 10% of all fees which have been generated via the school back to the Friends of St Monica's.
novahauslondon.co.uk

A LETTER FROM MRS BAPTISTE

Welcome to St Monica's School's Christmas Bazaar 2023!

In November we said farewell to the outgoing committee: Breda Patterson and Nacho Nieto-Cygan who had been Co-Chairs, Peachy Szell Vice-Chair, Dani Pizzi-Njada Secretary and Eorann Kavanagh and Alex Farrugia our Treasurers. The fact that I am writing this message means that we have a new Friends' Committee and therefore a Christmas Bazaar!!

I am so grateful to the new team of parents who have volunteered themselves to the respective roles namely: Linda Groarke and Emma Phelps who are the new Co-Chairs, Kathleen Thomas and Bonnie De Seze Vice Chairs, Lisa Mounsey-Thear Secretary and Anne-Marie Byrne Treasurer. Without them putting themselves forward, the Friends Committee could have dissolved, but it's thanks to them and their huge team of dedicated parents and carers that we have a wonderful day to look forward to.

As ever, this special day will be packed full of games, festive fun and food and a special visitor from the North Pole has also kindly paid us a visit! Everyone has worked very hard for the last few months, getting ready for today.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help set up, decorate, cook, run a stall or tidy up! Thank you to the many local companies who have provided raffle prizes or bought advertising space. Thank you to anyone who has bought or sold a raffle ticket. And of course, if you are reading this, thank you very much for coming and spending your money at St Monica's Christmas Bazaar

The new committee has arranged a new sponsor and so a huge thank you also to Thomas James Estate Agents, Winchmore Hill for sponsoring St Monica's School. It means such a lot that a local business would support us in this way, and we are all incredibly grateful.

So, why do we make such an effort to raise money for the school? Without the funds raised by the Friends we would not have many of the resources that we do. As I look back over this year alone, so much has been achieved. Every teacher has access to every online curriculum resource that they need, £1,000s have been spent enhancing the reading areas of each classroom as well as our school library, even more £1,000s have been spent on replacing interactive whiteboards in classrooms and new iPads and Chromebooks. Without the additional funds from the Friends, then all of our children's learning would be disadvantaged.

Have a fantastic day and thank you all for your continued help, support and fund raising endeavours!

Wishing you all every blessing for Christmas and good wishes for 2024.

Kate Baptiste



A LETTER FROM FR. DAVID

In the Advent season as we prepare and journey toward Christmas and the Birth of Jesus, we light a different candle each week on our Advent wreath which prompts us to focus in prayer on: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. On behalf of Canon Mehall and the parish team I wish The Friends of St Monica's School and local community a successful Christmas Bazaar. We all have a responsibility to look after our planet and to help the poorest in our community.

Let us keep a focus on the sustainability of our resources and how we can all best serve our community. I thank you for your generosity and sacrifice. Through the Bazaar we will deepen our commitment and common purpose, always striving to deepen our relationship in Christ and with our neighbour.

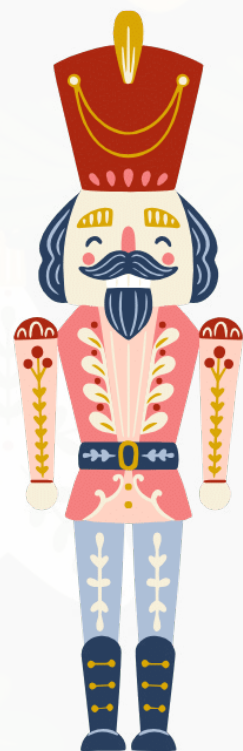
May God bless you all.

Fr David



BAZAAR ITINERARY

- 12:00** Doors Open
- 12:30** St Monica's Children's Choir in the Junior's Hall
- 13:30** Performances by Centre Stage in the Junior's Hall
- 15:45** Raffle Winners Announced in the Junior's Hall
- 16:00** Bazaar Festivities Closed for another year!



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Jingle all the way to our **Santa's Grotto** in the Infant playground where the BIG man himself, along with his helper Elves, will be waiting to welcome our little believers between 12.30 - 3.30pm. No booking necessary. **£4 per child. Gift provided.**

RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has donated a prize towards our Raffle this year! Look at just some of the amazing prizes to be won!

1. **Ardstone Interiors Ltd** - £150 CASH PRIZE
2. **WKD Electrical Specialists Ltd** - £75 CASH PRIZE
3. **Chi Chis** - 2 x £50 Vouchers
4. **Rebel & Wild** - Handmade Christmas Wreath
5. **Thomas James Estate Agents** - London Aquarium Tickets 2 Adults & 2 Children
6. **The London Beeswax Company** - Candles
7. **Holtwhites** - £20 Voucher
8. **Orsi Productions** - 2 Tickets to see Cinderella Panto
9. **James Mortimer Personal Trainer** - 2 x PT Sessions
10. **Cibo** - 2 x Breakfast for Two
11. **Waitrose** - Bottle & a Cake
12. **Asda** - Christmas Treats
13. **Sainsbury's** - Christmas Treats
14. **Pilates on the Green** - 1 FREE Lesson
15. **Envy on the Hill** - Wash & Blow Dry
16. **Conway Tennis Club** - One Year FREE Membership for a Child
17. **Cook - Pudding Voucher**
18. **Ecole Nicole** - 3 FREE French lessons
19. **Hopper & Bean** - Voucher
20. **The Kings Head** - Meal for Two & a bottle of Wine
21. **McGahan Lees Irish Academy** - ½ Term for Free for a NEW starter
22. **Real Techniques** - Selection of Make-up Brushes
23. **The Artz Kidz** - 20% off a Term
24. **The Dance Studio** - 1/2 Term FREE for a class of your choice
25. **Fitness with Sev** - Group PT 3 passes
26. **Fitness with Sev** - Group PT 2 passes

To buy additional tickets, in the run up to the Bazaar, please get in contact with us at: thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com or you can buy one on the day! If in doubt, ask at the entrance or a passing Elf!

WHAT'S ON - OUR BAZAAR TREASURES

Follow our map to navigate your way through the school to ensure you don't miss any of the delights of the day!



Christmas Shopping Stalls

1. Cake Stall
2. Sweet Stall
3. Bottle Tombola
4. Pocket Money Toys
5. Honesty Table with: Toys
Preloved Uniform and Books
6. Elfridges Christmas and Gift
Wrapping Shop

Our Local Community Christmas Shopping Stalls

7. We Gorgeous
8. Bobbie Crafts
9. Usborne Books
10. The Little Barrow
11. Winchmore Hill Glass Studio
12. Amakhandela
13. Tom's Fundraiser

Games & Entertainment

14. Jolly-Jar Hoopla
15. Santa's Tin Can Alley
16. Ho Ho Hole
17. Pin the Nose on Olaf
18. Bouncy Castle
19. Face Painting
20. Arts & Crafts
21. Santa's Grotto
22. Biscuit Decorating
23. Lego Building Workshops
24. Performances

Food and Drink

25. A Selection of Hot Food
Including pizza
26. Cold Beer, Wine, Bubbles,
and Soft Drinks
27. Tea & Coffee (Irish version
if you prefer!)
28. Marshmallow Roasting
29. Polish Sausage BBQ
30. Mulled Wine

Ho ho ho!

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY STALLS

We're very lucky to have an amazing selection of local artisans amongst us and, we're delighted to be able to bring you just a selection of them to our School. Please do take a wander through the halls and stop, if only to say hello, to our lovely creative crafters!

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Past pupil, Tom, Fundraising for a Special Cause!

I am heading to Kenya to build a playground, my focus is on providing life-changing opportunities for children, offering a safe haven for them to enjoy a childhood filled with simple joys. Impacting their lives in a way that will benefit their future dramatically. You can also support Tom's cause [here](#)

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LEGO Club by Lewis

LEGO club aims to encourage creativity, critical thinking, and a love for learning in every child. At the Christmas fair, workshops will be 45 minutes long and will cater for children aged between 5 and 11 of all abilities. A range of models will be available to build and instructions provided for students to follow. Email: lewis.meola@gmail.com

Winchmore Glass Studio - Our very own Nathalie!

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Merry Christmas

from

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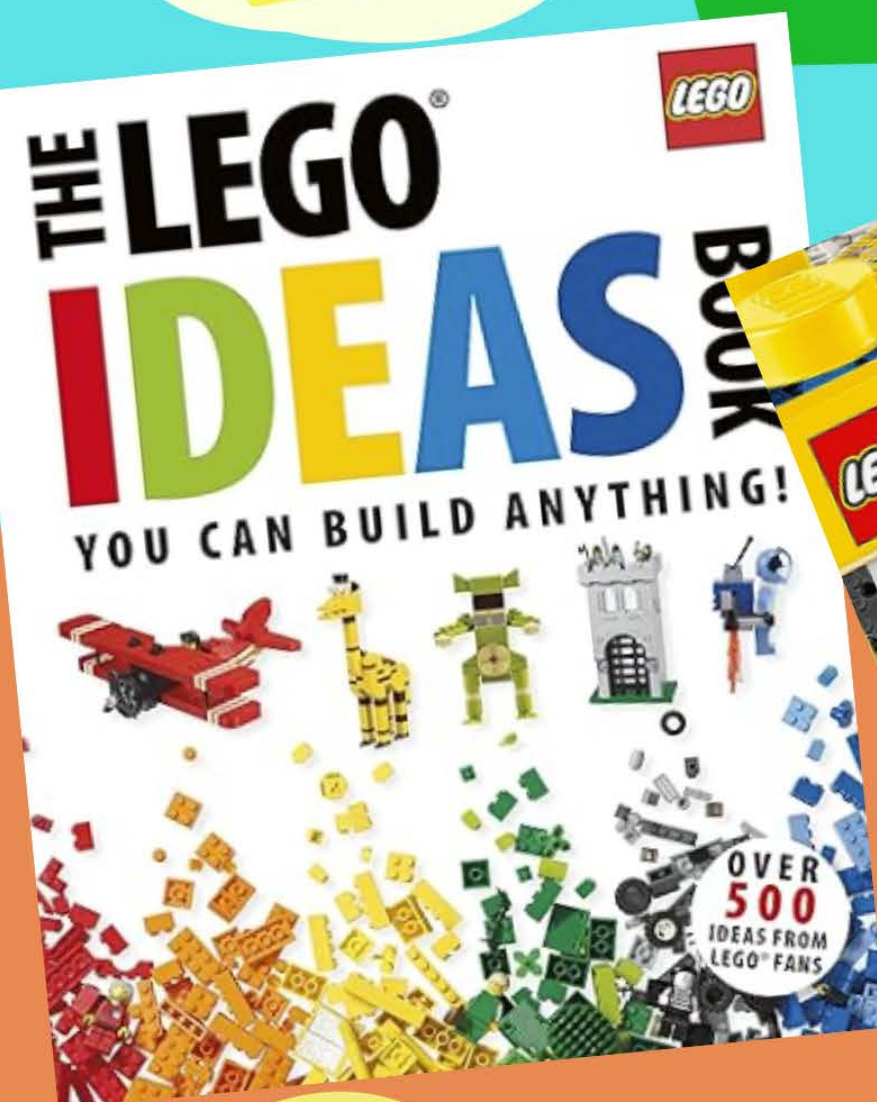
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I would like to give back, so I am going to gift 10% of all fees generated via the school back to the Friends of St Monica's to be put towards whatever is needed for the children.

So, if you are considering selling or renting out your property, I would love to speak with you in order to discuss how I can assist you.

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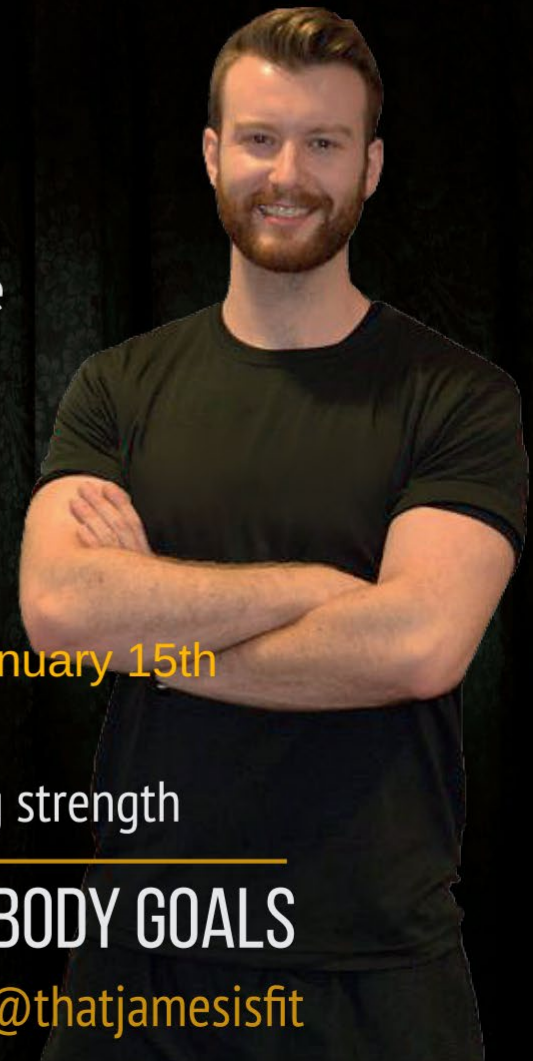
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The Party Wall etc. Act 1996 – *The basics and what you need to know!* by Bruce Forrester, Chartered Building Surveyor

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A property owner proposing work covered by the Act must give adjoining owners notice of the intention as set down in the Act. Adjoining owners can agree or disagree with what is proposed. Where they disagree, the Act provides a mechanism and process for resolving disputes.

If you own a property next door to proposed works then you have rights too! You are entitled to seek a number of protections under the Act and should seek advice.

The regime of the Act is separate from and in addition to any need for planning permission and building regulations approval.

Planning some building work?

If so and if you are thinking about, say, converting your loft, building an extension or creating a basement etc. you should know what the Act covers and this includes:

- new building on or at the boundary (*line of junction*) between 2 properties
- work to an existing party wall or party structure
- excavation near to and below the foundation level of neighbouring structures

Looking at this further, it may include:

- building a new wall on or at the boundary between 2 properties

- cutting into a party wall for beam ends
- making a party wall taller, shorter, thicker
- removing chimney breasts from a party wall
- knocking down and rebuilding a party wall/ party fence wall
- excavating below the foundation level of a neighbour's property within 3 metres

Of course this may not cover all eventualities and is no substitute for professional advice.

Written notice must be given and provide certain information, and in some cases plans and sections showing the work proposed are required.

You must appoint a surveyor if you and your neighbour cannot agree matters following proper notice. You can appoint a surveyor together or each of you can appoint your own. The surveyors will then agree the terms of an Award.

This is a legally binding agreement which will deal with matters including:

- what work may be carried out
- how and when it will be carried out
- who will pay for what and how much will be paid (*including the surveyor's fees*)

The word 'Surveyor' is not defined but you cannot act as your own surveyor, and any surveyor acting should be qualified, experienced and wholly impartial.

Now if there is a dispute between the owners and if the neighbour does not appoint a surveyor, then the Act says you can appoint a surveyor on behalf of your neighbour if they refuse or fail to do so themselves. This is important as it prevents delays to projects.

When carrying out building works you must:

- avoid causing unnecessary inconvenience to the adjoining owners and occupiers
- protect your neighbour's property from damage caused by the works, and fix or pay for any damage that is caused (*the choice being theirs*)

Subject to notice when the Act is utilised correctly access into your neighbour's property may be possible under the Act – this can help with the project, as surveyors and workers may have legal access to their property during usual working hours to carry out certain building works.

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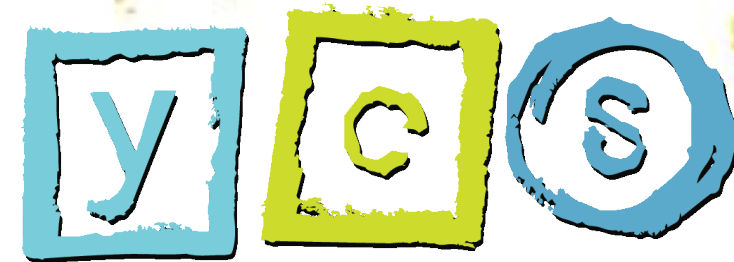
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To register your child for a **free trial class** you can book the free trial session through the Young Centre Stagers website. Further information is included on our website.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our Young Centre Stagers community.

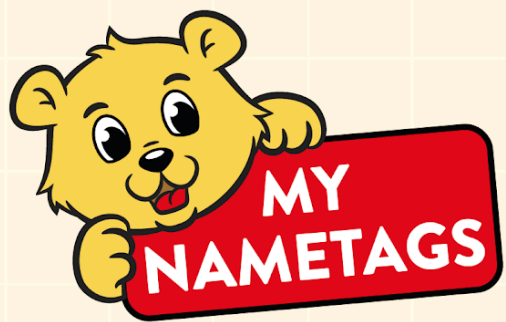
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Saturday 2nd December	Bazaar Day!	12- 4pm Volunteers Needed! Setting up the night before & on the day! Get in touch	If you can't make the day but would still like to donate a little something please visit our Good Hub Donation page here: the-friends-of-st-monicas-school.
Friday 8th December	Children's Classroom Disco!	Collect at 4.30pm Snack provided. Party wear! BIG thank you to our amazing teachers and support staff for supporting us here.	Link to donate £4 per child: goodhub.com/kidschristmasdisco2023 *Please state the name(s) of your child AND their class. Thank you!
Friday 8th December	Parents Not So Silent Night!	Location: The Kings Head, Winchmore Hill. Time: 7 – 12am. DJ Nacho and DJ Fanos!	Link to donate £10 per adult goodhub.com/parentsandcarerssocialchristmassocial23 Limited No. of tickets available so please book early.
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Pet Photo Competition is BACK	Send in a picture / drawing across the 5 categories. Entries must be received by 12th. Winner announced on the 15th December.	£2 to enter: goodhub.com/christmaspetphoto2023 Email entries to: thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com
Thursday 1st February	A Star Is Born	Volunteers Needed to help with Bar. No experience required!	Email us at: thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com
Friday 2nd February	A Star Is Born	Volunteers Needed to help with Bar. No experience required!	Email us at: thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com

2023/2024

If you would like to see one of YOUR events on the calendar, get in touch! We're already thinking ahead to 2025!

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day!	More info to come on book collections.	Tickets will go on sale soon! We will also need volunteers to help with the set-up, manning the bar, food and tidying away. If you can chip in an hour here or there please let us know!
Friday 8th March at Drop Off	Happy School Bag Collection	Let's see if we can match the ~£900 we made in November!	Bring as many bags as you can filled with clean, unwanted clothes to the school. We get paid per kilo. So the more, the better BUT we also lose money if we include any of the items they ask us not to supply.
Friday 15th March	St Patrick's Night!	Please join us for a night of live music, delicious hot food, a jig and a jive!	Tickets will go on sale soon! Volunteers Needed – more info to come.
Friday 28th June at Drop Off	Happy School Bag Collection	Bring as many bags as you can filled with clean, unwanted clothes to the school. We get paid per kilo. So the more, the better!	Volunteers needed to receive the bags and load the van! More hands make light work! Remember, we lose money if we include any of the items they ask us not to supply!
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fete	Euros Themed! Any and all ideas welcome! We've got a few!	Volunteers Needed! You know the drill!
Saturday 14 September 2024	St Monica's School Turns 70!	More Details to follow but SAVE THE DATE!	Volunteers Needed – more info to come.

WAYS TO SUPPORT ST.MONICA'S SCHOOL

Have you...?

For more information on these
or any **NEW** ideas you might
have please email us at:
thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com

Signed up to Easy Fundraising?

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of choice for everyday online shopping.
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have raised a whopping **£7, 554!**
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[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/
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Nametags gives money back to the
school everytime we buy a set of
nametags from them.
mynametags.com

Started to follow us on Instagram?

Please do!
[thefriendsofstmonicas](https://www.instagram.com/thefriendsofstmonicas)

Heard about the Happy School Bag Scheme?

We schedule them to collect our
unwanted, good quality clothes three
times a year. And in turn they pay us
£££ (by kilo).
happyschoolbag.co.uk

Checked if your company might offer Match Funding?

Usually, matched funding is only
available if the fundraising is in the
employee's name, but we can help with
that as we are going through this at the
moment where a company is willing to
match up to £1500! **FREE** money!



What we are

The Parent Teacher Association
(PTA) is an open community of
parent volunteers working
alongside Mrs Baptiste and our
amazing teachers to ensure the best
educational experience for our
children. The PTA is a small charity
that is independent from the school.

Getting involved

Join us for a cup of coffee one
morning where we discuss ideas,
review events and plan ahead.
Everyone is welcome and invited!

Come along or volunteer at our
events: Summer Fete, Christmas
Bazaar, Christmas Drinks, Summer
Socials, Ice cream stall, Happy
School Bag collections, Church
cake sales, etc!

Every little helps. We need YOU!

Who we are

Co-Chair - Emma Phelps
Co-Chair - Linda Groarke
Vice-Chair - Kathleen Thomas
Vice-Chair - Bonnie De Seze
Secretary - Lisa Mounsey-Thear
Treasurer - Anne-Marie Byrne

And an ever-growing team of
volunteers including our amazing
teachers and support staff, fellow
parents, and wonderful Class Reps!

Why we exist

As one of the lowest funded
primary schools in the Borough,
the money we raise helps
supplement St Monica's in
terms of essential (and fun)
resources and activities for our
children, including:

- whiteboards & classroom
essentials
- chromebooks & iPads
- licenses for EdShed, TT Rockstars
- guest authors, school panto
- And so much more!



Hannah Pyzewska (6Y)
2nd Place



Grace Harper (2Y)
3rd place



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