



# ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

## St John's Association (SJA) Summer term newsletter

We thought the start of term would be a good time to explain more about the SJA, what we do and how you can get involved.

**Who we are:** The St John's Association is our parent-teacher organisation and exists to develop and extend relationships between the staff, pupils and parents of the school. We have a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary (currently Puja Patel, Olympha Preston and Gaby Gower respectively). We also have additional committee members who take the lead on running the various events, as well as representatives from each year (class reps).

The class reps are the heart of the SJA. They arrange nights out with parents, collect for the teachers at the end of the Christmas and Summer terms and help us find volunteers for the stalls at events.

**What we do:** The SJA organises several activities throughout the school year, including Fireworks Night, the Christmas Extravaganza, Charity Day and Summer Fun Day. These are chances for the boys, families, teachers, and our wider community to come together to have fun. The SJA also arranges occasional tuck shops in school and supports at Open Days and other events.

The SJA is heavily focused on raising money for the school's annually nominated charity, which this year is Place2Be. All our events contribute towards the fundraising.

**How you can get involved:** Our events are a great way to get to get involved in school life, meet other parents and help to raise money for charity. We always need volunteers to help out and your class reps will get in touch in advance of each event to ask you to help out, whether with setting up, clearing away or running various stalls.

Please do all be ready to help us and them when it comes to the events by giving up some time to help out. The boys love it when they see their parents taking part and without that help, we simply cannot run the events.

**Events this term:** There are several events to watch out for/help with. Please add them to your diary.

**20 May: Supper Quiz.** A fun-filled evening where the parents compete against one another and the teachers. Takeaway supper is provided as part of the cost of the tickets. One of our most popular events!

**16 June: Charity Day.** This is when we all come together to raise money for charity. We put on a barbecue and drinks and the wonderful sports teachers run football and other games for the boys. It is always a highlight, giving us the chance to spend time with one another in a relaxed fashion. The Pimms usually goes down well too!

**25 June: Summer Fun Day.** Our biggest event of the year. Attractions, stalls, food, raffle and a fabulous atmosphere - you will not want to miss it!

Wishing you all a wonderful term!

Your St John's Association Committee