St John's School Association



Autumn Newsletter '22

Hello

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2022 from St John's School Association (SJSA).

We realise that since the covid pandemic, there has been little SJSA activity in school due to the restrictions placed on us all. We also know, since March 2020, we have lots of new parents, carers and children that have joined our wonderful school so we wanted to let you know a little bit about what we do.

Who are SJSA?

St John's School Association (known as SJSA) is a registered charity that aims to raise funds by working together to help support the school to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for our children.

Who runs SJSA?

As parents and/or carers of children in school, you are all automatically members. However, a committee of parents have volunteered some of their time to help with organising and running events, fundraising and supporting the school with anything they may need.

What kind of things does SJSA do?

All sorts! in the past, SJSA have run school discos, Christmas tree sales, gingerbread house competitions, printed tea towels and much more.

Where does the money go?

It is used to support the school with what they need most. This can be anything from supplementing school trips to paying for the fabulous outdoor classroom in our forest school. We also use this to put on events with the aim to raise more funds.

What plans are there for 2022/2023?

We would love to do much more for the children this year - school discos, Christmas and Easter events BUT we need your help. We are currently running SJSA with 5 committee members. To enable us to do more fun things for your children we need more volunteers!

What kind of things will I be asked to do?

Ideas are great but we need more hands on deck to make them happen. The most common job is to help at fundraising events. We need people willing to pitch in to make them a success. If you would like to join SJSA but don't have the time to give to events, is there something else you can do? You may have a skill that would be useful to us in some other capacity. We'd love to hear from you if you do.

What will I get out of being a part of the SJSA committee?

- Meet parents from other year groups
- Meet the teachers in a less formal setting
- Make new friends by working alongside members of your community
- Learn new skills and increase self-confidence
- The satisfaction of knowing you've made a contribution
- The knowledge that you've helped make the school you chose for your child an even better place
- Lots of fun!

Can you help?

If you would like to get involved or just want to find out more, either contact via email at **office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk**, message via our new Facebook page or grab any of our existing members at school. We're a friendly bunch. Promise!

Coming soon...



Logo competition...

We would love the children to design a new logo for SJSA. There will be an individual prize for the chosen design and a class prize.

We will send home more information after half term so watch this space...

Donations needed

At the end of November we will be holding **Christmas Shopping** days in school. This is an opportunity for your children to buy a small gift for their family for Christmas.

We will be looking for any items that would make a great gift - books, toiletries, toys, clothing etc.

Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you!

We're on Facebook! To find out about the latest SJSA school events, find us on Facebook @facebook.com/groups/stjohnsschoolassociation.

Next time

Going forward, we will keep you updated with events, fundraising totals and how the money is being spent via these newsletters which we hope you will find informative.

All the best,

SJSA!