



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance

Dear Parents

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Easyfundraising

We have recently signed up to Easyfundraising – a scheme that provides an easy way for everyone to help raise funds for the school when you shop online and which won't cost you anything. Taking part is simple: all you have to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register with them before making a purchase online (this takes just a few minutes and only needs to be done once). If you search for our cause: 'St. Michael's C of E Primary School, Dalston', just click to select and then enter your details; once this stage is complete you can either use the site through the Internet or via a free app. Many large companies and retailers have signed up to this scheme including Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer, EE, Argos, Boots, Currys, Sports Direct and even some holiday companies. So before you shop, search the Easyfundraising site first, to see if the company you wish to purchase from is registered and if it is, just click on the link provided and you will be redirected to their own page where you can complete your purchase as normal. It is the company which then makes a donation to our school account based on the value of your purchase; donations vary from 0.5% to more than 5% depending upon the company.

Other schools that use this site regularly receive donations of several hundred pounds for very little effort and at no cost to the parents at all. I have used this myself and found it extremely straightforward and efficient – no different to how I would normally shop online, apart from visiting the Easyfundraising page first. I would therefore like to invite you all to have a go next time you shop online and also to encourage friends and family to sign up, registering St. Michael's as their chosen cause which will help raise valuable funds to benefit the children of the school.

HSA

Our Home School Association has been very busy raising funds over the last few months – they have asked me to thank you all for your support with the Christmas discos, parties and raffles which were all a tremendous success.

The committee have also asked me to let you know about a very exciting event which is being planned, so you can get it in your diaries early! Please save the date for the 'Summer Ball' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 and promises to be a wonderful evening. Further information about this event will be available shortly.

The next HSA meeting will be held in school on 22 January at 7pm – everyone is welcome to attend.

Bright Stars

This year Class 4 is taking part in this exciting enterprise project. As part of their business venture they have created a gorgeous calendar which is on sale at £4.50, available from either the school office or on the school yard. They are also running a pop-up cafe in the school hall on 22 and 28 January and 5 and 11 February from 3-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and buy a cake and a cuppa for just £2, and you are also encouraged to bring along a lidded cup to use for both safety and environmental benefits. All profits from the children's fundraising efforts will be shared between Jigsaw Children's Hospice and school funds, so thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher