



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware we (The Parent Partnership) have been unable to organise any fund raising events since our Family Night on 13<sup>th</sup> March and at this stage, we have no idea of when we might be able to resume our activities.

Despite this, we still have a huge role to play within St Marks and are regularly meeting via Zoom. We hope to secure some funding through a couple of community bids PP members are pursuing however, if we're lucky enough to be selected we won't receive any funds until the New Year.

Although we cannot run our usual Christmas Fete, we would still like to provide a small gift for each child as well as a visit from Santa, who is, after all, a Key worker. We have also received a donation of hampers which we would like to raffle. This will be a free raffle and each family in the school will be entered into the prize draw.

A few parents have asked how they can help as going forward we will need to find other ways to replenish our funds to enable us to continue supporting the school the way we always have done.

To that end we would like to introduce a voluntary contribution fund, with the emphasis being on voluntary. You can donate as much or as little as you can afford as every penny most certainly counts. The facility to make the voluntary contribution will be available on ParentPay and anything you can give will be hugely appreciated.

We have also created an account on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) If you're doing online shopping, please visit [easyfundraising.org](https://easyfundraising.org), select your cause (St Marks Parent Partnership) then select the retailer you wish to shop with. The retailer will then make a direct contribution to the PP at no extra cost to you!

As ever, can we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support now and in the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please email [stmarksparentpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksparentpartnership@gmail.com)

Kind regards

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