

## HOW WE RAISE OUR MONEY

Like most parent-teacher associations, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events have been:

- Christmas and summer fairs
- School discos
- Fashion shows
- Circus workshops
- Quiz nights
- Mufti days
- Cake sales

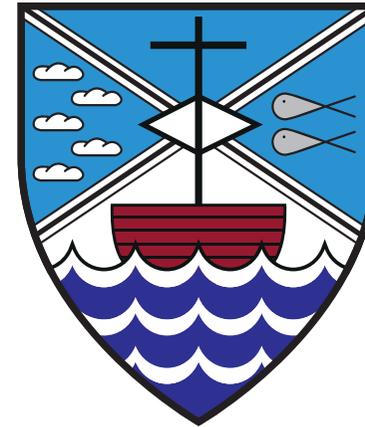
We try to respond to any requests made by the children, by you or the staff. It is great to see the children having fun at the events and enjoying the use of a new piece of equipment that SASA has donated.

We raise money in other ways too. Donations from parents are extremely important. Remember, it's not just about monetary donations (although they are always welcome!); you can donate time, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction or offer your valuable skills.

### Who's who in SASA

- Lisa Van Koetseveld, Chair
- Angela Baird, Vice Chair
- Louise Allum, Secretary
- Tania Edwards, Governor Link
- Rosie Saunders, Staff Link
- Claire Tookey, Treasurer
- Claire Lamb, Assistant Treasurer
- Lou Devine, Press and PR

Thank you for taking time to read our booklet and we hope you now know a little bit more about SASA. On behalf of all the children, we would like to thank you for your invaluable support which enriches their learning experiences and makes their time in school so enjoyable.



## A very warm welcome from St Andrew's School Association (SASA)

This booklet has been written by our Parent-Teacher Association especially for you as a new family joining our school community or for any members of our school community who would like to learn more.

We realise it can be a little overwhelming starting a new school - for parents and children! We hope this booklet will go some way in answering some of your questions about school life and give you some information about how SASA works within the school.

If you have any questions after reading this, please do contact the SASA Chair, Lisa van Koetseveld,  
email: [lisasachair@outlook.com](mailto:lisasachair@outlook.com)  
Lisa would be happy to hear from you!

## WHY SASA?

We are fortunate at St Andrew's to have a school association that is extremely active and that has been integral to the school community for many years, raising many thousands of pounds.

However, SASA is not just about fundraising; we exist to provide closer links between home and school and we aim to bring staff, families and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

One of the favourite (non-fundraising) dates in the Key Stage 1 calendar is 'Bedtime Stories', where the children return to school in the early evening to enjoy cocoa and biscuits in their pyjamas and listen to stories from their teacher!

And an added bonus is, it's great fun - ask any of the Committee members!

All parents and members of the school are encouraged to get involved - we believe that any help is important: big or small. You don't need to help on a regular basis and you don't even have to come into school - wrapping gifts and preparing lucky dips are important tasks too.

Or perhaps you could offer your time as a Class Rep who is the liaison person between the class teacher and parents.

You can also help by sending in donations for our events - toys for the tombola, presents for Mother's Day for example - or simply by coming to the events we hold.

Please contact the Committee Chair, Lisa, to find out more about how you can help during the year. We really appreciate any help offered.

## HOW WE SPEND THE MONEY RAISED

Decisions on what items are to be purchased from SASA funds are agreed by the Committee. Usually a wish list is presented by teachers or children. We will sometimes fund resources to improve a particular area of the curriculum or school environment. SASA funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all of our children across all areas of the school and enhance the curriculum. The money we raise is usually spent fairly quickly. That way, you can be sure that in supporting our school, your children will feel the benefit, along with everybody else.

SASA does have ongoing commitments every year such as donations towards school trips, however we always aim to make at least one large purchase during the year.

All of the money spent in school is done so with the guidance and agreement of our Head Teacher following protocols, ensuring that your money is money well spent.

### JUST A FEW OF OUR RECENT PURCHASES:

- **Key Stage 1 playground equipment**
  - **Electronic Lego**
  - **Classroom Visualisers**
- **In-school theatre productions**
  - **Drumming equipment**