



19th May 2023

Dear families,

As part of our Catholic Life mission of the school we support many charities, although we do try to keep our fundraising events as a minimum to help with the cost of living crisis.

This academic year, we have supported CAFOD, Red Nose Day, Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. We have raised £2196 in total for charities this academic year.

Our upcoming charity event also links strongly into our curriculum and covers Art, Geography, Personal Development and our drive to become an Eco School. As you know we have teamed up with St. Oswald's hospice to produce a Shaun the Sheep painted sculpture. Our Shaun is called '**Green Ewe-Gene**' and will be painted by St. Mary's Art Team. The children will get the opportunity next week to volunteer for the team, but our design allows all children within the school to add some detail to the sculpture.

On **Wednesday June 7th**, we are holding the painting day and a fundraising event. PJ Bouncy Castle company are kindly providing a penalty shoot out for the day and we will have a relaxed shoot out. I am sure that some children (and staff) will become competitive, but it will be fun. The school council are providing a sponsorship form which will be sent out next week.



As part of our fundraising day, we are inviting the children and staff to dress up... As always there is no pressure to dress up and school uniform is fine if that is what the children would prefer. It would be great if anyone wanted to dress up as a farmer, a sheep, sheep dogs etc. The costumes can be easily put together, e.g. black outfit with white socks for a sheep or a dog, denim and a checked shirt for a farmer. We do not expect or want you to pay for a costume.

On this date, we are holding a movie night for children in Reception to Year 6. The tickets are £2 each and the children will get a hot dog, drink and snack. The theme of the movie is Shaun the Sheep. Our movie nights are social events for the children and are thoroughly enjoyed by all (possibly not all of the staff!) We will keep the reception, year 1 and year 2 children in school until 5pm on this night and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 until 5:15pm. We cannot offer this movie event to nursery pupils but they will be able to join us next year. If you have siblings that will leave at different times, then please feel free to wait on the yard. Mrs. Smith will put the tickets on ParentPay from Monday 22nd May, but it will be taken down on Monday 5th June at midday. If you want your child to attend the movie night, then please book asap as life is busy and we all forget things, but we need to know numbers for the food so we can't accept late bookings.

If any of you can knit or knows a knitter, then I have a few patterns to make Shaun the Sheep. I will print them off and leave a selection in the school office, but you can also find them on our website at

<https://stmarysjarrow.co.uk/parents/useful-links/>

Our completed 'Green Ewe-Gene' sheep is due to be collected mid-June and will join the rest of the flock. He will be positioned in a key location and the trail will begin. The trail is live across the summer and it would be great if as many people as possible could find our sheep, have their photo taken with him and send them to school via Class Dojo. We will find out where he is going to be placed and maps will be provided to help you.

Thank you once again for your ongoing help.

Mrs. Tumelty
Head of School

