

ST MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to our Reception parents and friends, and we hope you have all settled back into the routine. We held our AGM on 20 September, the Report and Accounts can be found on the school website and at the lower entrance.

Last year the Support Group raised money to further improve the outdoor play area. We are pleased to say that with your support, we have been able to provide a new path around the field, along with six activity stations and playground markings. The paths will be a fantastic addition during the Autumn and Winter months when historically pupils have been unable to access and enjoy the space on the field, due to wet conditions. In addition the paths made a huge difference to sports day, with many positive comments from parents. We hope you will continue to support your school with fund raising and help us to achieve future goals!

As it was the Queen's 90th birthday, the support group presented each child with a commemorative coin to mark the occasion. We also treated the whole school to a circus day, the big top was set up on the school field and each class had the opportunity to practise their circus skills – a fun day was had by all.

As well as attending our events, there are many ways in which you can offer your support, whether it be a couple of hours helping out at one of the discos, or with new ideas for fundraising and events! Please come along to our next meeting and get involved. Throughout the year we hold numerous raffles, and make hampers etc. If you have any wine, beer, spirits or unwanted gifts please donate them to us so we can turn these into prizes at our events. No matter how small every little helps!! Please leave any donations at the School Office.

150 Club

The 150 Club, which is drawn each month has 6 prizes to be won: £100, £50, £50, £25, £25 & £25, and an extra bonus prize of £500 at Christmas, Easter and the summer. We still have a few numbers available so if you would like to

be in with the chance of winning please ask for a form at the School Office. If you are a current member of our 150 Club and your personal details have changed (ie. new address/name change) please let us know so we can claim for gift aid.

EASY FUNDING RAISING

We are sure many of you shop on the internet so don't forget to use our school website and raise money for the school each time you shop. You will be surprised just how many retailers are available; from Amazon, Argos, Marks & Spencers, Thomas Cook, even some insurance companies (if you arrange your insurance on line). The school receive anything from 1%–10% of everything that is purchased. With Christmas just around the corner, it's an easy way to raise funds. In the 5 years we have been using the site we have already raised £1794 for the school, we have 54 members so far, so if you haven't already signed up to this site then please do, just use this link – www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscofeoldham

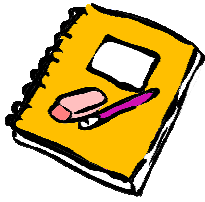
We are looking forward to another exciting year. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8 November in school at 7pm**, don't be shy, pop along and join in! We are always on the look out for new people to join us, so if you have any great ideas for future events, or would like to be involved in our fund raising, please come along, everyone is welcome!

If you would like any additional information about the Support Group and what we do, please do not hesitate to ask any of our current members or contact Tracie Garlick tracie.garlick@ntlworld.com or Gill Buckley gillianbuckley512@btinternet.com

See our notice board at the lower entrance for a list of current members, and keep yourselves up to date with our events. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope to see many new faces at our future events. Below is a list of our forthcoming events for the next school year.

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Dates for your diary



19th & 20th October - Parent's Evening's

Don't forget to order your child's very own personalised Christmas cards, designed and made by them in school. All orders must be received by 21st October.



Thursday 3rd November - Halloween School Disco

Further details will follow.

If you can spare a couple of hours, we would love your help at either the Infant or Junior Disco.



Friday 25th November - Ladies Christmas Party with Andy Lee plus DJ

New venue this year at Tara Leisure! Booking forms have already been sent out. Join us for a great night out!



Friday 16 December - Christmas Raffle Draw

Our grand Christmas raffle to be drawn at the Carol Service Assembly in Church. There will be 3 great prizes to win.



Tuesday 28th February - Sponsored Pancake Flip

One of our sponsored events this year will be a pancake flip on Shrove Tuesday. The class that raises the most sponsor money will each receive a cream egg.



Thursday 9th February - Valentine's Disco

Flyer to Follow



Friday 10th March - Bags2School

Bags2School collection to clear out those unwanted items now and raise money for the School



Saturday 18th March - Family Night in school

Put this date in your diary. Tickets and further information will be available the week after the February school holidays. Look out for the flyer and get your tickets early!



Friday 31st March - Easter Raffle

Tickets will be on sale throughout March with the draw taking place at the Easter Service in Church on the last day of term. There will be 3 great prizes to win.



Friday 21 April - St Mary's Bake Off and Coffee Morning

Baking competition for all pupils, where parents will then be invited to a coffee morning to enjoy and purchase the children's cakes. Further details to follow.



Wednesday 17th May - Fashion Show in School

Details to follow



June - Sponsored Bounce

The other sponsored event this year will be a sponsored bounce on 23rd June. The class that raises the most sponsor money will receive an extra bounce.



Thursday 20th July - Summer Disco

Details to follow

