

ST MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! We would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to all those who supported us over the Christmas period. We raised £946.00 which is a fantastic achievement – Well done!

The Ladies Christmas party was once again a great success and a great evening enjoyed by all. The Christmas cards totalled £260.00 and the Christmas Raffle a huge £686.00.

Thank you also to The Men's Society for donating bottles which we used as prizes and included in our Christmas hampers.

We have lots of events planned for the coming year, see the "dates for your diary" below, which is handy to pin up, and keep everything up to date.

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! Come along to our next meeting and get involved. Throughout the year we hold numerous raffles, 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

There are still a few numbers available in the 150 club so if you would like to be in with the chance of winning please ask for a form at the School Office. There are now **6 prizes to be won**: £100, £50, £50, £25, £25 & £25, and an extra bonus prize of **£500** at Christmas, Easter and the Summer. If you are a current member of our 150 Club and your personal details have changed (ie new address) please let us know so we can claim for gift aid.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscofeoldham

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. It's an easy way to raise funds. In the 4 years we have been using the site we have already raised £xxx for the school, so if you haven't already signed up to this site then please do, just use the link above.

We are looking forward to another exciting year. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 in the North Star 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!

ALL MONIES RAISED FROM THE EVENTS YOU SUPPORT GO DIRECTLY TO SCHOOL

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.

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Please see list below -

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017



Thursday 9th February - Valentine's Disco
Flyer to Follow



Tuesday 28th February - Sponsored Pancake Flip

This year's sponsored event will be a pancake flip on Shrove Tuesday. The class that raises the most sponsor money will each receive a cream egg. Sponsor forms to follow shortly.



Thursday 2nd March - Bags2School

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



Saturday 18th March - Family Night in school - Pig Racing

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!



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 by Lucy Cobb of Uppermill

Details to follow



Friday 23 June - Sponsored Bounce

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



Thursday 20th July - Summer Disco

Details to follow