

A warm welcome to our first Parent Support Group Newsletter.

The PSG is an important part of school life and is made up of parents and carers, brought together with the common aim of enhancing the experience of our pupils during their time at St Mary's C.E. Primary School.

Much of the work that the PSG undertakes is to help school make a success of events throughout the year, and also where community and school are brought together.

Another vital role of the PSG is fundraising. The PSG funds help provide additional learning resources; contribute to improving the school environment based on pupil feedback and benefit extra-curricular projects. The PSG also gives parents the opportunity to become actively involved in school life, to meet other parents and to meet regularly with staff to support the pupil- teacher-parent partnership and importantly to have a voice. The PSG meets around once a term and the Headteacher, Mrs Hartley is always present and supportive to us in every way.

Finally, PSG meetings and events provide an opportunity for parents and carers along with staff to meet and socialise which is often quite difficult once a pupil moves into secondary education. The PSG is also there to welcome new parents and pupils to school during the Reception induction events.

My team are always working to make a success of events. So many of you have rolled up your sleeves and volunteered along the way: we really do understand that no-one has the time! Even more of you have supported the events with your your donations and your enthusiasm. No-one can do everything but so many of you do something – and for that I am truly grateful.

This newsletter will give you further insight into how we all give up our own time, volunteering to make memories for your children that will last a lifetime.

If anyone would like to know more about the PSG and get involved please dont hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

**Caroline
PSG Chair**



St Mary High Crompton
Following Jesus: Welcoming, Loving, Serving

ST MARY'S PSG MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER

Firstly

As we approach the second half of the year, the PSG (Parent Support Group) thought we'd share the successes of the year so far and say a big 'THANK YOU' to all the parents/carers for your continued support! The PSG is a registered charity and runs solely on volunteers! Get in touch if you feel you can help our school too!

Fundraising Highlights

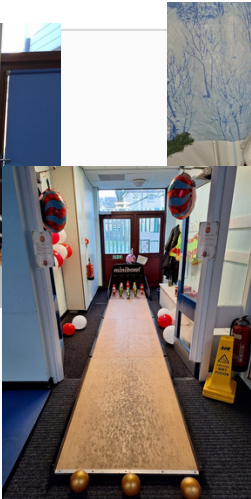


+£845

Halloween Disco - The first event of the year saw some fabulous costumes in the amazing decorated school hall. Anna's Dance provided some amazing music, games and decorations for the hall.

+£1589.59

Christmas Fair - An amazing turnout to a fabulous festive day which saw us collaborate with Church. Visits to Santa's Grotto, tree pong and a return for the bowling alley made the children's day one to remember. All games were created by our fantastic volunteers!



+£540.27



Glow Disco -

A St Mary's first, the children lit the place up (literally!)

Again, Anna's dance provided the music and games!

Glow tatoo's and face art were a hit!



Where does it go?

As a result of your AMAZING support, we have been able to support school with the following;

£1000 towards the pantomime trip coaches



£2120.32 towards the Ethos day

A bespoke dance workshop for all pupils, a wristband to take home and keep with the school vision, painted pebbles and permanent seating for the pupils to use and enjoy in the willow and labyrinth markings on the playground,

To see how much our pupils enjoyed the day and the difference you made please view our video on the school website by following this link:

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/ethos-day/>

£39.73 for Golden ticket prizes



Throughout school children are rewarded with a golden ticket for outstanding behaviour - this is placed in a box and a child is drawn each week in Friday's reward assembly. The PSG have ensured the prizes are something that the children deserve!



*“Being a parent of 2 children at St Mary’s, I felt I wanted to give back in some way and ensure the children were able access the resources and experiences they deserved! My role is to communicate to you lovely people all the events we are hosting and celebrate the amazing work with **this newsletter!** Why don’t you join our amazing team?”*



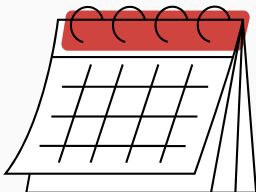
Chloe, Commnications officer



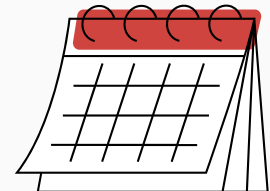
150 club

All members are assigned a number and Cash prize draws are done half-termly.

If you would like to be in with a chance please email stmaryspsg@outlook.com



Dates for Diary



Our next meeting is 19th March, 7pm @ The North Star

Easter Raffle - 28th April

Summer Fair - 29th June

“I have a little boy in year 1, without the PSG events enrichment days wouldn’t happen and I’m really proud to be part of such a friendly team that facilitates these. We help create the memories!”

Claire, Treasurer

“I have a boy in year 1 and another in year 2 - St Mary’s has been great for them! I lead the 150 club which raises funds for trips, resources etc - Get signed up to it now!”

Nate, 150 Club lead