



Friends of St Luke's

October 2020

Hi Families,

Well it's been quite some time since our last newsletter, so we thought it was about time to update everyone on what has been happening!

From September 2019 – September 2020 we managed to raise a total of £3,334.39

This was raised by

£425.64 Film Night

£561.64 School Disco

£1,083.91 Christmas Fayre

£716 Christmas Raffle

£100 Everton Top Raffle

£337.20 Mother's Day Sale

Obviously, this is far less than we usually manage to generate due to the school closures and the Covid-19 pandemic, but we think it is still pretty impressive considering some schools only raise this figure over a full school year of fundraising.

However, even with the above information in mind, we are pleased to announce that due to your generosity and continued support of the events we hosted from September 2019 until March 2020 and with the addition of funds that we had available from the September 2018-September 2019 fundraising we have been able to gift **£11,000** towards the first stage of 'PROJECT PLAYGROUND'. This money has been used towards the cost of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which has been erected in the junior playground over the summer. We have had some fantastic feedback from the children, who have loved using the new facility, keeping them active and helping with their wellbeing.

Over October half term holiday, the next stage of Project Playground will hopefully be started and completed. This involves extensive work being done on the drainage and

resurfacing of the infant playground. Most of the yard will need to be dug up to sort the ongoing problems. The school has been extremely lucky to have received funding from Liverpool Diocese after submitting an application for this very costly work.

So, this leads us on to our next fundraising target for Project Playground, which is for brightly coloured floor markings in both playgrounds. We have held back on doing this work until now as the trucks and workmen around during the previous phases would mean that the markings could have been ruined. We have an approximate idea of price, which will be around £6,000 for both playgrounds.

After our gift to the school we are now left with little money in the bank, so we have been thinking of new, socially distanced, COVID safe ways to raise this cash, which has been challenging to say the least! However, with a bit of tweaking, planning and consulting with school we have got some ideas in the pipeline. These include:

- Non-uniform days.
- Virtual balloon racing.
- Online raffles.
- School tea towels.
- Parents using Amazon Smile & easy fundraising sites to make online purchases and a small percentage of the sale comes back to school. Over Black Friday & Christmas this could help if everyone signed up.
- Christmas online shopping.
- Penny Wars.
- Applying for grants and donations from local businesses, etc.
- Silver Smarties.
- Online quiz nights.
- Film Nights (possibly do-able by class).
- Amazon wish-lists for class purchases.

Obviously fundraising will look a lot different this year and we will be unable to have the usual discos, Christmas Fayre, etc. until the government advice tells us differently. We still, however, want to have as much fun as we can raising the money. We understand that this has been a challenging time financially for many of the families of the school too.

Please join our Facebook group for further updates and links to class specific Facebook groups too. This is also a great way to communicate with us and find out more information or how to help us with these events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lowtonfosl>

We want to say a huge thank you for your support over the last year and we are very excited (albeit a little nervous) to try out our new style of events with you all, which we're sure you will all get behind, so that we can have a bumper 20/21 year of fundraising!

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