

# St John's PS, Moy Parent Support Group (PSG) Newsletter February 2017-Issue 1

## SAINT JOHN'S PRIMARY, MOY.

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St John's Primary School is situated on the Benburb Road on the outskirts of Moy Village. The majority of the children come from the local and surrounding rural area. The enrolment of the school currently stands at 188.

There are very few pupils entitled to free school meals and about 15% of the pupils require additional support with their learning. Approximately 30% of the pupils speak English as an additional language.

The school has seven straight classes P1 – P7 with a teacher and a classroom assistant in each class. There is also a teacher who helps support Newcomer children and a teacher who supports special educational needs children.



### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The PSG first began over 20 years ago and is made up of parents of children attending the school.

#### **All parents are welcome.**

Please get in touch if you would like to join or become involved. We would particularly like to see parents of families who have children who recently started at St. John's and parents of families of our Newcomer children.

### School Website

[www.stjohnspsmoy.com](http://www.stjohnspsmoy.com) – please visit the school website to receive the latest news, achievements, events, school calendar and other information about the school. The PSG have a Facebook page – check us out for up to date news and events!



**Pancake Race.....coming soon.....28th February 2017 at 1.30pm– get practising!**



### Message from the Chairperson

Many thanks to all the parents who have continued to show their support throughout the school year. A special thank you to the committee who give freely of their time – your commitment is very much appreciated.

#### ***So how has the money been spent?***

Some examples include:

- £2000 for the purchase of iPads
- £3000 towards Maths Materials
- £4000 to the school towards the Literacy Scheme – Accelerated Reading
- £800 for Religion books (P1 – P4)
- Annual contribution towards P7 end of year School Trip
- First Communion - hosting and providing refreshments for children and their families after First Communion Mass
- Annual contribution towards trophies and medals for sporting events

We welcome new faces at our meetings – it doesn't matter if you can only make the meetings occasionally, we would still be pleased to see you.

We thank all the parents of St John's for their continued support.

**Sharon Kerr, Chairperson,  
Parent Support Group (PSG)**

## ***Surely our school gets enough money from the government?***

With the severe cuts in the Education budget, school fundraising now plays a more important role than ever. As St John's has a low number of pupils in receipt of free school meals, the school misses out on many of the additional funding streams that other schools in more socially deprived areas can access, such as Extended Schools or Neighbourhood Renewal money.

It means that our school continually has to do more with much less. The school staff have introduced a number of effective teaching and learning methods over the last few years. This includes the very successful Accelerated Reading Programme which strives to improve literacy. The I-pads are used throughout the school as an educational tool. And to facilitate the Accelerated Reading Programme.

All of these initiatives are not funded and rely on additional fund raising, so that our children can have a positive experience and enhance their educational and non-academic achievements.

Hence it is important that the PSG continually raise funds to support our school. In particular thank you for the monthly donation of £1 for non-uniform day as it goes a long way to the overall amount raised. In addition we hold other fundraising events throughout the year; some examples are included in this newsletter.

## **What does £1000 raised buy for the school?**



**Books for the successful Accelerated Reading Programme (from P3 - P7)**



**4 I-pads @ £250 each.  
I-pads are used throughout the school as an educational tool.**



***Christmas Draw raised £1300.***



## **Fund-raising Events throughout the year included:**

*Bingo Night  
October 2016 raised  
over £1000.*



*Hallowe'en Fancy  
Dress Non-Uniform  
Day October 2016*

*December 2016 -  
St John's Church Folk Choir,  
on behalf of the PSG,  
organised a beautiful Carol  
Service for the people of Moy  
and helped raise over £700.*



***For further information please contact:  
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