



The Friends of St Monica's School

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Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to your first newsletter from your new Friends committee!

If you have are already following us on social media, you will have been introduced to the new committee and learnt some little known facts about them. If you're not following us on social media, WHY NOT??!!! See below for our Facebook and Instagram handles and follow us:



<https://www.instagram.com/thefriendsofstmonicas/>



<https://www.facebook.com/thefriendsofstmonicas>

Total raised since
October 2020:

£14,352

Total needed to support
the school by April 2021:

£20,000

We are so pleased with the amount the above events have generated but we are not only about the big events, and the Friends wish to continue to champion smaller initiatives which bring in regular money. A huge thanks in particular to Fiona Wickramsinghe who has set up the Facebook Pre-loved page where you can donate uniforms (and other items) to sell with proceeds going to the Friends. So far this has raised £182 since October so please join the page if you haven't already to donate or buy uniforms:: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1416574631881495> .

THANK YOU!!

COVID has had a massive impact on all of our lives in one way or another but it has also had a huge effect on our ability to fundraise for the school. A whole year (at least) without our usual activities has had a devastating impact on the Friends finances so our first job was to think very quickly about how we can raise as much money as we can quickly and safely. So thanks to YOU, thanks to MRS BAPTISTE, thanks to ALL THE TEACHERS AND AMAZING STAFF and thanks to PARENTS WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED we have raised an incredible amount of money. And believe me, every time we see that first £5 come through on any of our campaigns, there is a small whoop and cheer on the Friends WhatsApp group!!

<i>Virtual pub quiz (hosted by Loretta and Keith Derham)</i>	<i>£2908</i>
<i>Direct donations</i>	<i>£2331</i>
<i>St Monica's Poker Stars (hosted by Jonathan Corcoran, Bruce McMillan and Alex Farrugia)</i>	<i>£2029</i>
<i>Classroom disco</i>	<i>£1773</i>
<i>Christmas cards</i>	<i>£1330</i>
<i>Happy bags</i>	<i>£969</i>
<i>Christmas pet photo competition</i>	<i>£469</i>
<i>Yoga (hosted by Indira Das-Gupta)</i>	<i>£302</i>

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the school has continued to decline and the Friends' role has evolved to support the school to buy essential equipment and classroom resources. This includes licences for Twinkl, TT Rockstars and My Maths as well as supporting teacher training for forest school. We will continue to do so however as we enter a new year, the Friends contribution is no longer a supplementary contribution to school finances but an essential one therefore we simply *have to* make money to support the school.

2021 – what's the plan? Well in short, more of the same! We have been overwhelmed by your support in our first half term as a new committee and we ask that you continue to do so as we enter a new year. We will continue to run virtual events until we find ourselves in safer times when we can consider real life events. We are fully aware that there are many parents who wish to contribute to the school without attending events therefore we will be launching St Monica's Giving, a regular subscription service through Virgin GIVING.

Thank you again and we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year!

Breda, Nacho, Peachy, Dani, Eorann and Alex xxx