## ST NICHOLAS' PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter. We hope you had lovely October Break and are ready for a very busy couple of months.

Since the school opened and the Parent Association Group was created we have had a couple of meetings. At the meetings we discuss ways in which we can raise funds for the school by organising events for the children and the families in the school. It would be great if we could have more parents attend the meetings, to find out your ideas and suggestion about what the Parent Association could do. By attending the meetings doesn't mean you have to join the Parent Association, just come along and let us know your ideas. However if you do want to join the Parent Association that would be great as we are currently very short of members.

Our next meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> November in Bearsden Academy at 7pm. Please come and join us get organised for Christmas.

There will also be a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Waitrose Community Room, hope to see many of you there.

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We were thrilled to announce that Trevor Graham Photography raised £315.00.

Thank you to everyone who booked a session and ordered prints from Trevor, I am sure you will agree he works very well with the children. On the day only one of his computers was working, which held up the viewing of the prints slightly, so when booking for next year, we will mention this again so hopefully it doesn't happen.

The Halloween Disco raised a fantastic £369.45. Thank to everyone who made the disco a success and thank you to the children that came along, you make it all worthwhile. It was the first disco in the new school and you learn as you go along. We will be changing the signing in/out procedure slightly to make it run more smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at this events, we would not be able to run these events for the children without your help.

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The St Andrew's Church Embroidery Group are creating an Embroidery panel to celebrate our new school, the theme of the panel being based on the principles of St Nicholas' life, and it will displayed in the school. They have asked if we can inform the families of the school that there will be a coffee morning after 10 o'clock mass in St Andrew's Church on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The proceeds of this will go towards helping to fund the materials to create the panel, it would be great to see you there and there may be some embroiderers there to describe the panel and its creation.

The next couple of months are extremely busy for everyone so we thought it would be useful to keep you up to date with what has been organised so far by the Parent Association:

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

If your child completed a Christmas card template they should have brought home a sample card and order form. If you wish to place an order, the final day for receiving orders is 3pm on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

7<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm – 10.30pm St Andrew's Church Hall

Join us for a very relaxed get together in the church hall. Come along and get to know other parents in the school. This is a BYOB event and for adults only. Hopefully see you there. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR ADULTS ONLY

1<sup>st</sup> December St Nicholas' Christmas Fayre St Joseph's Church Hall

We are very excited to be hosting our very first Christmas Fayre. Come along and browse over stalls, maybe even buy some Christmas Gifts and enjoy a mince pie or two!! Meander over to Milngavie town centre after as it's the Christmas lights switch on day too!!! We will see you there!!

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FAYRE WILL BE COMING HOME IN SCHOOL BAGS SOON

6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Disco

6pm – 7pm P1 – P3 7.15pm – 8.30pm

We still need volunteers for both discos to allow the discos to go ahead. Please contact the PA if you would be able to help.

## 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day

We invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper or top and instead of asking for a monetary donation, we ask if they could donate an item which could be used for our Christmas Hampers, which we raffle at the Christmas Shows.

If you are donating items of alcohol we ask that these are handed into the office by an adult.

## **Secret Santa Present Room**

The children are invited to buy a gift for their parents, grandparents or special person in their life. The gifts cost £2 each and nearer the time we will send out more information.

Regarding the Christmas Hampers and Secret Santa Present Room, we will need several helpers to arrange this. We arrange a date with the school and go and prepare the hampers, and wrap all the presents. We will advise you of this date as soon as possible.

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It's certainly going to be a busy few months!!! Your help and support is greatly appreciated. We will keep in touch by email, sent from the school, or you could follow us on Facebook, St Nicholas' Primary PA, where we regularly post information.

If you wish to contact the Parent Association you can do so on the numbers below:

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Thank you St Nicholas' Parent Association