



# Fundraising News

September 2017

helping children with special needs shine

At the start of a new Playgroup Year, I would like to welcome all our new children and their families and invite them to join us in supporting the wonderful Marlow Opportunity Playgroup known to us all as MOPs. As you may be aware, to operate our playgroup to the high standard our precious children deserve, we need to raise over £50,000 a year to supplement the funding we receive from County.

This newsletter is our way of thanking the organisations and individuals who have chosen to make Marlow Opportunity Playgroup (MOPs) their charity of choice and hopefully inspire all our readers to join one or more of our events or even to organise one of their own.

Over the Summer many of our supporters organised events to raise money



We were invited to have a stall at the amazing Ferrari Fun Day in Sonning, we raised £300 selling toys and home made cakes. Thankyou Mary, Georgie and Cath for the cakes and toys.

On 18 June the combined Mason lodges, Wycombe, Penn & Tylers Green, Burke, Bourne End, Temple Manor, Hall Barn, St Lawrence and Entente Cordiale held a pig roast to which Paul (our treasurer) was invited.

They handed over £1000 in cash, money raised at various events.

Thank you to all the Masonic lodges for your continued support.

Support from families and their friends continues to amaze us and is very much appreciated. Alan Wilkinson ran the Great Manchester Run raising £5000 from sponsorship. The Thompson family raised £1300 by taking part in the Iron Kids Triathlon in Wales (which they are going to split between MOPs and the Pepper Foundation). The grandparents of one our children have donated £800.

Three local companies have made donations directly into the bank account, £10000 from Shanly, £2000 from Sprymedia, and £100 from ACAL BFI.



MOPs has been named as the chosen charity for both Sainsburys Beaconsfield and White Stuff in Marlow and we look forward to working with them.

We have been lucky to be awarded a £5000 transport grant from Heart of Bucks which will allow us to continue this service.

Thank you to all of you who have set up direct debit donations. These regular donations are much appreciated and help our treasurer Paul balance the books each month. Details of how you can set up a monthly donation and more about how to support the playgroup can be found on our web site.

<http://www.marlowopportunityplaygroup.org.uk>



You can also support the playgroup and have a chance to win by joining the Wycombe Lotto, details on their website and searching for Marlow Opportunity Playgroup.

[www.WycombeLotto.co.uk](http://www.WycombeLotto.co.uk)

If you would like to help support the Playgroup, why not join the Fundraising Team. We are a group of current and past parents and grandparents who meet for coffee and discuss how we can give something back to the incredible Playgroup that has given so much to our families.

Contact me, Jeanette Galloway, for details : [jeanettehgalloway@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettehgalloway@gmail.com).

## Dates for Your Diary

### Charity Dinner Dance Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Each year we hold a number of events at Playgroup to raise much needed funds, one of the highlights is the annual Charity Auction and Dinner Dance, last year this event alone raised over £7000 and we are hoping to top this at this year's Dance on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. It is being held at the CIM Moor Hall in Cookham and promises to be a great evening. (Tickets are available now, see Jane or Tracy at Playgroup for details).



If you can't join us, we will be selling raffle tickets to give you a chance to win one of our fabulous raffle prizes.



### Christmas Fayre Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10am till 12 noon

Christmas may seem a long way off but it's never too soon to start thinking of making gifts to sell or gathering prizes for the Tombola and Raffle

Contact Sharon with donations.