



# Fundraising News

September 2015

The Autumn is now with us and memories of summer

holidays are fading as we look forward to another great term, welcoming new and returning children and their families to Marlow Opportunity Playgroup affectionately known as MOPs

Thanks to your continued support, so far this year we have raised almost £4500 at fundraisers and received the same in grants and donations. As you are all aware our fundraising is more crucial than ever before as in 2014 we utilised £11,000 of our reserves to continue to operate. We have two more events planned for this year, the Glamorous Charity Dinner Dance in October and our fabulous Christmas Fayre in November, let's make them the best ever.

MOPs fundraising news brings you updates on the amazing money raised for the playgroup and dates and details of future events for your diary.

Any event big or small brings essential funds to enhance the experiences for our precious children at the playgroup.

The fundraising team welcome any ideas to add to our calendar of events.

The team support the staff and committee to arrange fundraising events and apply for grants for the playgroup.



The team are: Emma and Tracy from the staff and George Fielden, Sarah Butler, Louise Shaw, Ros Atkinson , Caroline Andrews, Zoe Alexander, Amy Symmons and Jeanette Galloway.

We will be at the coffee morning on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September and can tell you more about how we help Playgroup.

More information on how the playgroup operates can be found on our website below

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

Last term we held two very successful fundraisers, the Pudding Club in June and our Summer Fete in July.

The pudding club was a great night where diets were forgotten and we all overindulged in wonderful puddings donated by our talented friends and supporters. Puddings, Pimms, a keg of beer and a raffle, what's not to like and we raised over £600.00.



The Summer Fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July was a fantastic day, all who came enjoyed the great stalls, the bouncy castle, a delicious BBQ and a sunny afternoon. A big thank you to our sponsors Godden Butchers, Chris Galloway from the BBQ drum and M&S Beaconsfield who donated the food for the BBQ and Sharon for organising a fabulous day and raising over £1200 for the playgroup.



Over the summer holiday Lily Kaye's family organised an 'Elmer Day' enjoyed by friends and family raising an incredible £250.00 for the playgroup.

## Dates for your Diary

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October Annual Charity Dinner Dance

Not long now before we all put on our best sparkles and get dancing,

The Marlow Crowne Plaza is the venue once again and there are tickets still available £45.00 per person which includes a 3 course dinner with wine, live music and a disco. The big event of the night is our charity auction and once again we have some amazing items kindly donated by local businesses and friends of MOPs which I am sure will create a bidding frenzy.

Tracy needs to finalise numbers by the end of September so if you haven't already booked please contact her on 07958 669127 or email [marlowopps@btconnect.com](mailto:marlowopps@btconnect.com)



For those of you who can't join us on the night we will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the fantastic prizes donated for the raffle.

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fayre



A very popular event enjoyed by all, the big man and his glamorous elf assistant will be there to get us all in the Christmas mood.

It's never too early to start making craft work to sell or putting away prizes for the raffle and tombola.

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Marlow Charity Disco

Dave the Disco has chosen MOPs as his charity for his Annual Marlow Charity Disco at The Crowne Plaza, more details to follow.

## Supporting the playgroup

Each year the playgroup look for every available community and business grant and awards which will help us continue to provide a happy and stimulating environment for our precious children.

We have received a very generous grant of £4250.00 from the Entertainer and a number of donations from the parents of children who left us last term.

Beaconsfield Marks and Spencer's have chosen Marlow Opportunity Playgroup to be their charity of the year, they are holding fundraising events, have collection pots in store and have volunteered to help at playgroup events.

## Sponsored events

Each year a number of our supporters take on challenges to raise money for the playgroup



This term one of our younger supporters Tom Page-Chatton aged 9 is running at the Bournemouth Marathon Festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Tom wanted to raise money to say thank you for helping his cousins' two former students of MOPs, Danny and Eric Fielden.

He already has pledges of £95.00, good luck Tommy.

## Munch for MOPs -Recycle for Cash

Don't forget we are still collecting biscuit wrappers that can be exchanged for cash. Just bring them along and place in the box in the foyer.



If you are thinking of holding an event with your friends and family to raise money for the playgroup, we can provide collection tins and promotional literature and give advice on setting up on-line giving sites for anyone brave enough to take on a challenge for MOPs.

**If you have any ideas or feedback on events please contact  
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