

## St Bernadette's Primary School 200 Club

## One Year On

As most of you will be aware St Bernadette's Parent Council has been running a 200 club as one of our fundraising activities. It is almost one year since we had our first draw so we thought this would be an ideal time to give you an overview of the past year.

The first draw was on 21 March 2016 with 136 numbers in the draw. These were mainly parents/grandparents/friends/staff of the school but also parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette's Church. Since then our members have steadily increased so we now have standing orders set up for 184 numbers (with another 7 numbers allocated and standing orders being arranged).

Over the year we have given away £2950 in prizes. There was a draw within the school at the end of each month, with the exception of July which was delayed until the school returned in August. At each draw, there were 4 prizes i.e. £100, £50 and two prizes at £25. Instead of the usual draw in December, we decided to have a "bonus" draw. This saw a total of £750 split over 8 prizes i.e. top prize of £250, 3 prizes of £100 and 4 prizes of £50. Even with all this prize money, this has still resulted in £2882 being raised for school funds by the end of February.

A big thank you goes to every single person who has supported the 200 club over the past year.

We would love to get to 200 members for our anniversary. It is only £3 per month for each number. Members have to set up a standing order for payment to the "St Bernadettes 200 Club" account around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. You will need the account sort code (83-16-16) and account number (00179558) and your unique number (which must be allocated by the 200 club organisers before you set up your standing order). If you have online banking, the standing order can be set up within a couple of minutes. Otherwise we can provide a standing order mandate for you to take to your own bank. Please be assured that we cannot access details of your bank account.

If you are interested please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:stbernadettes200club@gmail.com">stbernadettes200club@gmail.com</a>, or complete a form which you can pick up at the school office, or message us through the Parents of St Bernadette's facebook page. We need your contact details so we can get in touch if you are lucky enough to win, or there is a problem with your payment. We also keep in touch by email, with monthly notification of winners, so an email address is ideal. Once we receive your expression of interest, we will allocate your number(s) which will then allow you to set up your standing order. Then all you have to do is wait for the call to say you are a winner and go to the school office to collect your cash.

Thanks again to all the current members for your support over the past year and good luck in the draws over the year ahead.