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Dear Friends of CLinC,

The Annual Get-Together. This was held at the end of January and as well as giving us the opportunity to report back to you about last year's activities of CLinC, we also raised £605 for the work of the charity. Thank you to everyone who came to this event.

Sponsorship

We are delighted to announce that this year was a record for sponsorship. **Thank you** to everyone for your donations. All 78 children received places for either grade 8 or 9 in local government secondary schools.

Gift Aid

Thank you also to everyone who gift aids their donations. A claim for the last tax year has brought in £1,802! If you pay tax and have not already signed a gift aid form, please ask me for one. It costs you nothing but makes a great difference to CLinC.

Fundraising this year

In addition to your donations, thank you for helping with the following fundraising ideas.



Easter chocolates - £47



Machine mats & sew-tidies- £88



Easter chicks - £87



Marmalade and jams - £222

St Anne's and St Mark's Community schools will open after their Easter holiday on May 13th. We have sent the usual funds to provide the children with a weekly nutritious meal and small bonus payments for all the teachers.

Teacher training

Most teachers in our schools are untrained and rely on their own schooling together with the teachers' guides we bought for the schools a few years ago. The Ministry of Education are now requiring all community school teachers to gain qualifications before 2021.

In 2014-17, CLinC sent fees for Zuze and Janet to obtain teaching diplomas. The remaining eight teachers all need to gain qualifications. There are several colleges within Lusaka offering courses that cost between £400 and £600 per year for a three or four year course.

Along with the term 1 allowances sent in January, CLinC sent money for four more teachers to begin teacher training courses at local colleges.

Now with successful fundraising, trustees have decided that we can afford to pay the fees to train another two teachers starting in May.



Teachers at St Anne's Anglican Community School.

From left to right..

- 1. Kelvin
- 2. Charity
- 3. Wendy
- 4. Mellab
- 5. Zuze

Kelvin is co-ordinator of the two schools and the person who communicates with us, receives the money we send, and sees that it is spent correctly. He has been at the school since it opened in 2009. Kelvin, Charity and Wendy are now doing distance learning courses. They attend college on weekends and in school holidays and continue to teach at St Anne's.

Teachers at St Mark's Anglican Community School.



At the back are 1. Martha 2. Mary 3. Alice Below are 4. Francis 5. Janet

Alice is the 'head teacher' at this school and has also been there since 2009. She communicates with us about the teacher training.

Mary, Martha and Alice are now doing distance learning courses. Francis has left the school since the photo was taken to take up a university place and Aaron Daka has replaced him.

Future Fundraising.

'Brass on the Grass'

On Sunday June 30th we will be holding 'Brass on the Grass'. Many of you will have joined us for this event in past years. There will be brass band music, Sunday lunch and afternoon tea to enjoy. More details nearer the day.

Craft weekend at St Andrew's Church July 13th -14th where there will be a sales table in aid of CLinC.

Charities Fair at Wotton-under-Edge where there will be a display of the work of CLinC and a sales table.

Thank you all once again for your continued interest and support over the years.

Trustees of CLinC:- Ann Greenhalgh, Doug Collett, Peggy Collett, Fe Gray Nic Fleming, Colin Nash, Penny Kells

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