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**Who are Friends of ERSM?** We are a Scottish registered charity (SC032346) dedicated to raising funds to support the work and aims of the Schools Instrumental Music Service across East Renfrewshire. The committee comprises of parent volunteers whose children currently attend the Saturday Music Centre. We have provided funding for new specialised instruments, additional sheet music and hardship assistance for residential courses. We are always delighted to welcome new committee members and listen to any new innovative ideas. Meet us on Saturday mornings in Williamwood High School.

First of all, we would like to thank everybody who supported us recently in both the Asda and Waitrose Green Token schemes. They raised a fantastic total of £690!

It seems incredible that, at the time of writing, there are only 8 weeks to Christmas!! All of our young musicians have been working really hard since the beginning of the new school year under the guidance of our wonderful Music Services team and are already looking forward to their performances in December, including the Christmas Open Day on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

Following our recent AGM, we are delighted to inform you that we have committed initial funding of £1800. This will enable pupils from across our authority orchestras, bands and choirs to take part in the upcoming Music Festivals; helping with the purchase of music, transport of percussion etc., as well as helping towards the costs of next years' residential courses at Gartmore House and Lendrick Muir.

We can confirm that the committee is also working hard to get ready for this year's Christmas raffle on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. With this in mind, I can confirm that raffle tickets will be on sale from Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at the fERSM desk. We aim to sell as many tickets as we can this year. This will enable us to raise more funds going forward as well as contributing to a great prize collection. We would also be delighted to accept any donations for our popular Tombola - small toys, chocolates, ladies and gent's toiletries etc. Finally, it was great to see so many new faces at our AGM last week. If you would like to get involved in what we try to do, pop over to the desk for a chat on Saturday mornings. We are a friendly bunch and would be delighted to meet you!

Regards

The fERSM Committee