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Christmas Cheer for Chelmsley Wood Care Syndicate

With only 14 days until Christmas, a syndicate of 16 care workers from Chelmsley Wood is full of the festive spirit after scooping £82,732.20 on EuroMillions. The syndicate members, who all work at Brooklands Hospital, Marston Green, matched five main numbers on Friday 1 December, 2006.

Syndicate leader, Sharon Lawless (31), a technical instructor at the Hospital, was at her parent's house when she discovered the syndicate had a winning ticket. She then quickly called her fellow syndicate member Hughie, who called the rest of the group to tell them the good news. To make sure the ticket was kept safe, Sharon put it in an envelope and placed it on the Christmas tree among the baubles!

Sharon explained: "I never normally check the tickets until the following Wednesday when I buy the next batch. As we've only been a syndicate for a short while we hadn't won anything big but my Mum persuaded me to check the numbers on Teletext when she was doing hers. We couldn't find the 'hold' button so originally thought we'd only won a few pounds. When the page came round again, Mum just kept saying, 'you have all of the five main numbers.' Then the screaming started. We had to get my Dad to double-check the numbers for us before we could believe it."

The members of the syndicate have already started to make plans about how to spend their winning – the top priority for all of them is to enjoy an extra-special Christmas and a double-celebratory night out.

Sharon added "I'm hoping to buy a few electrical goods for the house but majority will be spent on my son, Thomas, who has already starting putting stars next to the presents he wants in the Argos catalogue."

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The syndicate's winning Lucky Dip[®] ticket was bought at Margaret Stores, 111 Camplea Croft, Chemsley Wood, Birmingham, B37 5DX. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 1 December were 4, 8, 16, 37 and 41, and the Lucky Star numbers 3 and 8.

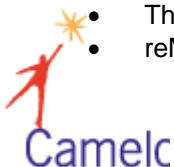
This Friday (15 December), there is a £XX million estimated EuroMillions jackpot available to win, while Wednesday's (13 December) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £XX million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip[®].

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