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## Prenton Dinner Ladies Served Up Lotto Surprise

A lucky syndicate of 15 kitchen assistants from Prenton High School has been dished up with a generous serving of £153,106, after matching five numbers and the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Wednesday 8 November.

The syndicate members, who all work or have worked in the kitchen at the school, have played Lotto since it started 12 years ago. For syndicate leader, Doreen Goldsmith (61) – who has worked at the school for 18 years and has a husband, David (52), and daughter, Sarah (24) – it still has not sunk in that they have won such a big amount. Although Doreen is unsure about how she will be spending her share of the winnings, other members of the syndicate will be putting home improvements, a holiday to Egypt and driving lessons at the top of their shopping lists.

Asked about how she discovered the big win, Doreen explained: “After buying the syndicate’s tickets on Wednesday, I came home from work to find my husband watching the football on TV and, as I had a slight headache, I decided to go to bed early and check the Lotto numbers in the morning.

“When I got up the next day, I went downstairs and switched on Teletext to check the numbers. I really couldn’t believe it when the first line on the ticket matched the numbers on the screen. And as soon as I saw that we had matched the bonus ball as well, I couldn’t contain myself!

“My husband and daughter both came rushing downstairs to see what was going on! I still couldn’t believe my own eyes, so I asked David to check the numbers again, just to make sure I wasn’t seeing things.

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Doreen continued: “I immediately rang as many people on the syndicate as I could to let them know the good news, but it was still only 7:00am so not all of them were available. After getting through to one of my fellow syndicate members who lives near to the school, they put on their dressing gown and made their way down to the school to let them all know.”

Doreen bought the winning Lotto Lucky Dip<sup>®</sup> ticket from the Co-op on Highfield Road in Rock Ferry. The winning Lotto numbers on 8 November were 2, 18, 31, 38, 39, 46, and the bonus ball was 42.

Friday night's (17 November) estimated EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is a whopping £120 million, while tomorrow's (Wednesday 15 November), Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.6 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<sup>®</sup>.

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