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We care, we share, we learn and achieve

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Dear Parents,

Parents Association

I am writing to provide you with some information regarding the Parents' Association, following the Annual General Meeting on 8th October 2018.

I would like to thank the PA Committee for all of their hard work over the last few years in organising so many enjoyable events. Over the last three years, the PA Fundraising has paid for the re-development of the two quiet areas on the playground, outside the Year 2 and Year 4 classrooms, at a cost of £4,500. It has also paid for 25 "I-Pads" for children to use in School, at a cost of £5,000, as well as subsidising annual events in order to significantly reduce the costs that might otherwise be passed on to parents.

Last year, the PA provided the School with a cheque for £6,000. Approximately half of this funding will pay for the **new playground markings**, which (weather permitting) will be completed at the end of the half term holiday at the beginning of November. The remainder of the PA funding was used for the following:

- To pay for coaches for the Theatre Trips for each Year Group in order to reduce the cost passed on to parents - £1,100
- To pay for each Year group to have a visiting animateur for a day (e.g. Titus Flavius Lustus, Samuel Pepys) - £1,445
- Leavers' Gifts and Leavers' Party - £264
- To pay for the Christmas parties and Christmas Gifts for all children - £316

Last year's events included:

- The Christmas Fayre
- The Quiz Night
- The Summer Fayre
- Cinema Nights
- Cheese and Wine night
- New Starters' and Toddlers' Parties

In addition, the PA also organised the Christmas Cards and Year 4 Tea-Towels.

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I would like to thank all of the parents and friends of the School for supporting these events. I am sure you will agree that this fund-raising has made a significant difference to the education and happiness of your children, not only through the funds raised but through the events themselves. At the Annual General Meeting, Laura Bateman and Sally Brashaw agreed to continue with the role of Joint Chairperson, whilst Gemma Farrington agreed to continue with the role of Secretary. In addition, Julie Cummings is continuing as the Publicity Officer whilst Phil Tranter will continue in the role of Treasurer. I would like to thank them all for taking on these roles, which will ensure that our PA continues to thrive.

This year, the PA will be raising money to help the School to pay for new practical Maths resources for each year group at a cost of approximately £1,500. In addition, it will continue to raise funds to pay for the following:

- The coaches for the Theatre Trips for each Year Group in order to reduce the cost passed on to parents
- Each Year group to have a visiting animateur for a day (e.g. Titus Flavius Lustus, Samuel Pepys)
- Leavers' Gifts and Leavers' Party
- Christmas parties and Christmas Gifts for all children

Thank you again for supporting the PA Events and I hope you enjoy this year's events, including the upcoming Christmas Fayre on **8th December**.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

