



St Joseph's RC Primary School Parent & Teacher Association

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To our Parent Community,

First of all, on behalf of the PTA, welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely summer!

The PTA will continue with its important fundraising for our school this year. We have liaised with the senior management team to identify some ways that we can provide valuable support to enhance the experience of all pupils at St. Joseph School and created a shared “Wish List” of what we would like to achieve in order to set our fundraising targets for this academic year. The areas that we would like to provide support with are as follows:

- Raising the coach and ferry costs to assist in keeping the price of the Year 6 school journey to the Isle of Wight stable and manageable for parents. The cost of this trip is heavily subsidised by the school in an effort to make payments manageable for parents. Unfortunately, this cost has been increasing each year and due to budget cuts, is becoming increasingly difficult to fund. The Year 6 parents have supported the PTA throughout their children's time at the school and it would be wonderful for us to offer that support back to them.
- Providing milk for children to drink at lunchtime. This has previously been funded by the PTA and we would like to continue to provide children with this healthy option on a daily basis this year. For the last two years, all children have the opportunity to have milk with their school lunch and this has proved to be very popular with the children, with many choosing to drink milk with their lunches every day!

- Providing engaging and exciting books for the new school library, which is currently being built and will be bigger and better than the previous library space;
- Purchasing new stimulating playground games for the children to enjoy during break and lunch times;
- Contributing towards the costs of computers in the new computer suite which is being relocated and refurbished. This is the result of the recent redevelopment of the school dining hall, which has improved the facilities for children during lunchtimes, and extended the space for the school After School Club, enabling us to increase our numbers.

The PTA will be arranging fund raising events throughout the year to enable us to achieve these goals. Events are always well supported by our parent community and we sincerely thank you for your assistance. It is the whole parent community and the PTA working together and supporting each other, that enables us to provide the school with vital, additional funding to support our children in their learning.

We welcome any new members to our PTA, and should you wish to join, please email your details to sjgr.pta@gmail.com or leave them in the PTA suggestion/correspondence box in the main school reception. We also welcome any ideas from anyone who may not have capacity to join the PTA but may have some fun ideas or initiatives which we can use. We also ask that you communicate these ideas to us via email or the suggestion box.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

The PTA Committee