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Dear Parents and Carers,

We held a PTA coffee meeting today to welcome new parents and to plan the coming year as the PTA. Thank you to the people who attended; we had a total number of four parents who were able to join Mrs. Quinn and myself to discuss the work of the PTA and to make decisions about events. Clearly it would be much better if we had more representation from across the school and I have asked the people who were there to try to encourage more of you to get involved.

Participation in our PTA events is always brilliant and we have been able to raise funds for school really successfully, even with a small group of volunteers. We are now in a situation where a number of parents have left the school as their children have moved on and this leaves us really short of people to help with events.

It may be helpful to know what the PTA has been able to support over the past year due to the funds raised.

Enrichment Funding - £500 per class to support educational visits and bespoke resources and visitors. You will never be asked for more than £15 per year towards the cost of educational visits as every visit is subsidised by this fund.

100 Club - this fund contributes £1000 towards the purchase of IT equipment and last year bought digital cameras and a number of mini i-pads. This is a monthly draw of numbers that have been allocated to people who pay £1 per month. The prizes are £40, £15 and £10 much to the delight of the children in our celebration assembly where we do the draw. If you would like a number please contact the office.

Events and amounts raised 2015-16

Toast (all year) - £20 weekly

Film Nights (termly) - £600

Talent Night - £400

Christmas Cards - £600

Christmas Plays Refreshments & Christmas Fair - £1785

Cheese and Wine - £2700

Sports Day Refreshments - £250

Queen's Birthday Garden Party - £650

Match-funding - £1000

We would like to raise similar amounts this coming year however we do need help and without it we will struggle to put as many events on.

Playground Refurbishment Project

We would like to completely refurbish our playgrounds to include the removal of the existing adventure trail and mound in order to create an attractive space for creative play and a reading hub. This will require a large amount of funding and we would like to make this a focus for the PTA fund-raising over the next two years. The plan would be to raise enough funding to complete phase one this summer and then to move to phase two the following year.

The PTA currently has a balance of £8900, £5000 of which will be set aside as a starting fund specifically for the playground project. Our aim would then be to ensure there is enough funding for the usual enrichment and then any extra raised would go to the project fund. Governors will also contribute an amount from school budget.

Dates for the diary:

Film Night - Wednesday 2nd November - Y1-Y6 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Talent Night- Friday 11th November - open to all ages 7.30pm (Parish Hall)

Christmas Film Night - Date to be confirmed

Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December - 3.30pm (Parish Hall)

Cheese and Wine - Friday 28th April 2017 (Gild Hall)

If you can help with any of the forthcoming events please let the office know or email Mrs. Quinn mandy.quinn@stjeromes.sefton.org.uk .

We really do need your help, the PTA is all of us!

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan



In this small space we learn to value one another, to think, to learn, to wonder and create.