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Dear Parent/Carer

31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**Re: Fundraising**

I am so sorry it has taken this long to be able to provide you with a total for the money raised during the Autumn Term. We were waiting for a couple of events which were held during the Christmas holidays to finalise their totals and also the fundraising total has been double checked and audited to ensure the figures reported are accurate.

I am delighted to inform you that during the Autumn Term we raised a staggering £11,224! Given that our entire budget for curriculum resources is £10,000 for the year – this is a phenomenal amount and will make a huge difference to our children.

This total has been raised in a number of ways including: the lamb sale; Christmas raffle; ticket sales for the Christmas performances; personal donations; school discos; stalls at the Christmas performances; and includes money raised from activities organised by individuals as well as from the crafts sold by our children who made them in their after-school club to help raise money for their school.

The money raised will be used in a variety of different ways to benefit our children. Some of the funding is already allocated for us purchasing 15 new ipads for use in lessons. This will allow us to enhance our delivery of the computing curriculum but will also be of benefit in lots of other lessons too such as history, geography, literacy, art and design technology. Our teaching team identified the ipads as the main priority because it will benefit every single child across a range of lessons.

In addition, I have asked each Subject Ambassador (a teacher who co-ordinates a curriculum area across the whole school) to carry out an audit of resources for their subject area and then create a list of resources which are essential and also a wish list of resources they would like to be able to have in school.

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Funding from the PTA (Parent Teachers Association) account is also used for other events such as paying for the Sleeping Beauty theatre performance in January and also for things like the Year 6 Leavers' trophies, hoodies etc.

Once the teachers have pulled together the list of essential resources required, along with their wish lists, I will share this with you so that we can keep a clear record of how the fundraising has been used and what we still need to fundraise for.

The need to fundraise also needs to be balanced with our poverty proofing plan which seeks to ensure we are not putting too much of a financial burden on our parents.

Our next planned event will be the Easter Fair and I would like to invite all parents to come along to a meeting on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 5.30pm** in the school hall where we can discuss how we take our fundraising forward for the rest of the year.

I have already had some fantastic ideas put forward by parents which I'd like to share with you.

Myself and the team have been genuinely moved by the huge amount of support from you all and I cannot begin to thank you enough.

Currently funding in schools is being reduced and reduced to the point where it is now impacting on children and staff – as evidenced by the planned strike days and I truly wish we didn't have to rely on fundraising to be able to provide basic resources for our children.

If you would like to know more about how funding impacts our school and to better understand why teachers and support staff are voting to strike in their tens of thousands across the country then please come along to the meeting on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm** to hear more. We want to offer this opportunity to discuss not just fundraising but to have an open dialogue with parents about the challenges schools are facing.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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Head Teacher