

Summer Term Fund Appeal

Dear all,

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

We are very aware that these are difficult times for lots of families, both emotionally and financially, so we send this email with the best intentions with no pressure or expectation on anyone. It will come as no surprise that the coronavirus lockdown has left both our school and the GPPSA with a sizeable hole in our 2020 finances. And as things stand, we are currently unable to fund the items we had hoped to for the start of the next academic year.

We have been approached by both the school and parents concerned about our children missing out and asking how they can help. In the last academic year, the GPPSA raised £16,400; to date this year we have managed to raise just over £12k, all of which has been spent!

On Sunday 5th July we should have been enjoying our international summer festival with its showcase, raffles, stalls and first performance of the new Grange Park rap. Our summer events usually raise over an incredible £6k. We also organise numerous fundraisers from April - July, including the cake sales, discos, Bag2School collections, smarties for silver, quiz nights, guess the bear's birthday and our newly planned car boot sales. Together these fun filled events raised nearly £3k last year.

With the money that would have been raised from these events, we were hoping to fund the following items for the children that the school has prioritised for September:

- a set of 30 electronic portable devices
- new books for the reading hub
- a new sound system for the main hall.
- helping the school to become more of a forestry school including training, plants and a new pond/wildlife area

At this time there is still so much uncertainty and it is impossible to predict when we will be able to resume our usual activities.

So, at this point we have resorted to the old-fashioned approach and we are simply asking for donations. If you are able to give, you can do so via our Summer Term Fund Donate page http://easydonate.org/HTDT003 or via text using the info below:

To donate, simply text HTDT003 to 70201 for £1, 70331 for £3, 70970 for £5 or 70191 for £10.

Any donation of any size will be gratefully received.

We really hope it is sooner rather than later, that we can organise a fun event and get everyone together! Our events are also about the wider school community and getting parents, carers and children to interact and have fun, whilst raising much needed funds for our school.

We look forward to seeing you soon and hope that everyone continues to remain safe and well.

Nicola and Sarah

Co-Chairs, for and on behalf of the GPPSA