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Dear Family

We wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the different fundraising activities taking place to help school.

Encouraging a love of reading

Reading continues to be a big focus area for the school this year, with money raised this term paying for some magazine and comic subscriptions to encourage reading for pleasure.

The staff in school have continued to add books for all year groups to our Amazon Wishlist. The Wishlist has been a huge success with the children enjoying the regular delivery of books arriving in their classrooms.

If you are in a financial position to do so or would consider clubbing together with friends, you can purchase a book to be sent directly to school

here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27Z3U1Q0FRQ3E?ref=wl_share

Helping the children make the most of our outdoor area

We are hoping to give our existing pond area a makeover to promote wildlife and spark the children's interest in nature, we also want to build a covered area in our forest school so we can create more opportunities for outdoor learning. This is a popular area in school that all of the children use and enjoy and it will make a real positive difference to life in school for everyone.

The PTFA are raising money to help us achieve this goal, you can contribute or see where we are against our total by visiting this site: https://www.rocketfund.org/forest-school-outdoor-classroom?fbclid=IwAR12IQeNMzUNaYZJsXs9fQJu456leqd4tb72PCA_IShaj5tpgntCKqWpH4

Here's some of the other ways you can get involved and help us transform the outdoor space for everyone to enjoy:

Weekly Auctions

Fancy a bargain? Or have some good quality items to contribute?

We run a regular auction on our Facebook fundraising page, anyone can take part by uploading photos of good quality items for others to bid on, by bidding on items yourself or sharing with family and friends.

The auctions start on a Saturday morning at 9am and closes at 8pm on Sunday night.

Skills and Promises Auction

A paddleboard lesson, a massage, bike maintenance, 2 hours of gardening, a Spanish zoom lesson and a baby sign class are just some of the skills sold to the highest bidder in our recent Skills and Promises Auction.

Can you offer a service or skill that people could bid on as part of our next auction? Could you pledge your time to mow someone's lawn, do some ironing or wash a car? Perhaps you are a dab hand at decorating or gardening?

Please get in touch with us via the PTFA Facebook page or email info@stjamesptfa.co.uk with any skills you could offer and we will run another auction before the end of the school year – we will keep you updated on the details.

Organise your own fundraiser

Over the half term, why don't you plan your own fundraiser to help us reach our total? A sponsored walk, read or litter pick perhaps, or what about a social distanced cake sale with family and friends?

More ways to help

There are lots of ways you can help, whether it's giving your time, sharing links on Facebook with friends and family, buying a book from our Amazon Wishlist, shopping via Easyfundraising.co.uk, Amazon Smile or supporting our weekly lottery.

Please join our the PTFA fundraising page on Facebook or join our PTFA WhatsApp to find out more.

I look forward to updating you on our progress!

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PTFA Chair