

23rd September 2021

Dear parents/carers

Re: Fundraising for 2021-22

I felt it would be useful, once again, to set out the fundraising that we intend to do this year. We want to continue to raise money for local and national charities. However, with the ever-increasing funding issues that schools are facing, including the lack of fundraising over the last 18 months due to school closures and restrictions, fundraising for the school continues to be essential to enable us to provide the high quality experiences and resources that the pupils deserve. I am ever mindful though of relying on everyone's goodwill with this, particularly at a time when some families will be experiencing financial pressures due to the impact of COVID-19. I would like to reassure you that your child will not be disadvantaged if you are unable, or choose not, to support the fundraising that we do. As always, we are extremely grateful to those who are able to, so thank you in advance for your support.

Sponsored events

We will be organising three sponsored events this year, one each term. Money raised will support our current school improvement priorities e.g. relocating and refurbishing the school library, improving our play time provision, increasing access to technology in the classroom.

Charity work and other fundraising

- Harvest collection: donations for Tapestry Care UK
- #Hello Yellow: donation to wear yellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day
- Children-in-Need: donation to wear non-uniform & sale of Pudsey merchandise
- Red Nose Day: donation to wear non-uniform
- Book sales: children purchase second hand books to fund new books for the libraries
- Y6 mini market: variety of stalls for children to enjoy, with funds raised spent on something for the school that the Y6 children choose.

Book donations

We are refreshing our wish list of books that would further enhance our offer to the children and continue to promote reading for pleasure. We would be very grateful if you felt able to purchase one of these books and bring it into school, to Mrs Cullender. She will stick a bookplate with your child's name in the front cover before the book is added to our school library; this will then be available for children throughout the school to borrow. Mrs Cullender will be sending out more information about this soon.

Regular direct debits

Following a parent led questionnaire a few years ago amongst some of the classes in the school, a significant number of parents/carers felt that they would like to make a regular, or one off, donation to the school. We have raised over £1000 each year for the last four years in this way. Direct debits can be set up using the following information:

- Bank account number: 00976304
- Sort code: 301424
- Bank reference: Parent Donation

You may add your name in front of 'parent donation' if you wish.

Thank you for your generosity – it is greatly appreciated.

Friends of Branfil

Our fantastic PTA will continue to organise a wide range of events throughout the year, although the current restrictions related to COVID-19 necessitate some creative thinking! The events are intended to give the children opportunities that they may otherwise not get whilst also raising money for the school. Some of the ways that Friends of Branfil has helped the school over the last few years include:

- purchasing our school radio equipment
- providing the money to install new play equipment for our younger children in the quad
- making significant contributions to our new ICT suite and library
- funding the toilet refurbishment
- providing curriculum resources and playground equipment
- paying for a range of experiences for the children e.g. Lego workshops, Mad Science workshops, duck eggs and incubators, butterfly kits, Virtual Reality experiences.

I hope that it has been useful for you to see the overview of our fundraising this year. As always, feedback is very welcome. Finally, thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom

Headteacher