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High School for Boys

Prittlewell Chase, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SSO ORG

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 1098132

Dear Parents,

As we are now halfway through the academic year, we are keen as a Parents Association to update you all with the things we have been working on and also to update you all on some of our future plans.

You will have seen in the recent school newsletter that the minibus we donated to has now been purchased and this will be used by many of the pupils for sports fixtures and trips. In addition to this we made a donation of £10,000 before Christmas for the IT department to purchase two new small switches, these enable the connection of devices on the school network.

Whilst the staff continue to work miracles with the budgets they have, there are of course many items that the various departments would love to be in a position to purchase to further enhance our children's educational experience. With this in mind we have requested a smaller item wish list from the staff and would love to be in a position to award some of these amounts to various departments.

In order to do this, we are looking at two new sources of fundraising and the main purpose of this letter is to gain some feedback from you as parents on these ideas and what you feel you can support. As a Parent Association we are quite a small team so we need to focus our time and effort on activities that will raise money.

Firstly, we are looking to hold a Boot Sale on the school grounds at the end of April and at this point we are looking to get an idea on how many people would be interested in taking a pitch if we take this idea forward. We would ask each stall holder to pay a pitch fee and then revenue taken is yours to keep.

Our second idea is to start a Club 200 School Lottery. Anyone wishing to take part would sign up for a fixed period at a cost to be determined and be given a number. We would hold a monthly draw with part of the revenue being used for three cash prizes and the remainder going to the Parent Association for school projects.

If you can assist with, or would be happy to take part in any of these ideas, can I please ask you to register your interest by selecting the options you can support via the link below on the Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F02cEzB0ukOxTHxXX5MEDwLPIAsSFRdLmyv-pF6pxZxUMERPSk1OUUpBMjdDSVIQSURTUURCUVFTri4u>

The PA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you show every time you purchase a raffle ticket or buy refreshment at the events we support or indeed make purchase via the Easyfundraising app generating donations.

Your sincerely
The Parents Association