

Robert May's School Parent Teacher Association

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello! January again and the start of another New Year! We hope that 2020 brings you all many good and positive times ahead. As for the PTA, we are looking forward to another great year of fundraising to help support the children's education on their journey through the school.

Of course none of the work of the PTA in helping to support the school with extra equipment or educational visits to the school by authors, for example, would be possible without you: the parents and carers of the children, who have bought uniform, supported PTA fundraising events like the Odiham Extravaganza and bought refreshments at school events such as parents' evenings and school shows. So a huge **THANK YOU** to you all for your contributions in 2019. Before we carry on with 2020's fundraising the PTA would like to take you all on a look back at the contributions you have all made possible for the children in 2019.

Through the PTA you have directly funded the following, totalling **£12,905.37**:

- 15 compasses
- 10 laptops for learning support
- 6 laptops for Resourced Provision
- Membership of Educake (Science revision)
- Rock challenge donation towards new materials for H&S and entrance fees
- Gazebo for PE department
- D&T contribution towards new race system
- Chris Copson visit – History Department
- Various science resources totalling £2,283:
 - Air blower for air track
 - Linear air track
 - Bar magnets
 - Bathroom scales
 - Ceramic magnets
 - Horseshoe magnets
 - Kettles
 - Mass balances
 - Newton cradle
 - Pipette fillers
 - Prisms
 - Small water baths
 - Step stool
 - Stop clocks
 - Vacuum pump
 - Whoosh bottles



The PTA is also committed to, but yet is still to pay for resources, totalling £2,921.58:

- 5 sets of hurdles for PE
- £500 for author Helen Dennis visit on 30th January
- Various History resources from Zig Zag
- Science resources – Digital PH meters, height measure, Quadrats and Unilab rheostats
- Funding for transport to athletics events

As well, there were funds for the purchasing of uniform (£44k), IT software and support, PayPal and other fees that are essential in the smooth running of the PTA uniform service and refreshments at events.

So THANK YOU VERY MUCH once again for all your support over 2019. The PTA are hugely appreciative - roll on 2020! We are excited about some new fundraising opportunities that we are currently working on that will hopefully make 2020 an even bigger and better year for RMS students! Details to follow over the next few weeks.

Finally, as parents/carers of children at the school you are automatically members of RMS PTA. As such, if you would like to come along to any of our remaining meetings for this academic year, you are most welcome. Whilst any help in organising or running events is of course always extremely welcome, coming along to a meeting doesn't automatically mean you will be expected to get involved with our PTA events. You are genuinely most welcome to just come along and meet the organising committee and see how decisions on where to spend the PTA's funds are made. This is your PTA and we are very pleased to meet and welcome any of its members at the PTA meetings.

If you would like to come along to any of the remaining PTA meetings for this academic year then here is when and where you can find us. We look forward to welcoming you!

- Monday 9th March 2020 - 7pm Library
- Monday 4th May 2020 - 7pm Library
- Monday 22nd June 2020 – 7pm meeting to be followed by a summer Jolly! Venue tbc.

Kind regards and best wishes to you all.

Robert May's PTA Committee.