

Dear Parents

We are currently in an exciting phase of developing the learning spaces both in and outdoors and one of our projects is to develop the current ICT room into a library/learning resource centre. Our current library has become progressively less suitable and our IT equipment is in dire need of renewal so...

Eventually, we hope to have a warm, cosy, accessible library space where children can read, research, learn library skills, hear stories and borrow books. We have quite an ambitious plan outlined wherein we firstly move IT provision into classrooms and then redevelop the space, possibly installing a mezzanine area. We have begun consultation with the children on this and have met with the enthusiastic, creative, positive response you would expect from our wonderful school council. We're also consulting with you, parents. There's an online survey accessible from this link –

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GLYYQ52>

It's worth mentioning that responses to this consultation will really help with grant applications which will be essential if we are to fully realise our plan. The PTA has already promised a magnificent £7000 – thank you! – and this has enabled us to start. If we can build our fund, we feel we can create a truly special library.

We are beginning the first phase of this in the next few weeks and hoping to continue developing and refining the space over the coming year as funds become available (fingers crossed!) We're asking for your help in a number of aspects to achieve this.

Firstly, on 15th Feb, we will be using our INSET day to carry out a number of practical tasks in connection with our various projects, including the library and outdoors areas. We don't need a lot of volunteers for these, but a few people who could spare an hour to shift and carry would make a real difference. (If you've already been contacted by Chris Gardiner in relation to a specific task, please don't volunteer twice!)

Secondly, although we're seeking funding, because of tight timescales, we are looking for some donated items to furnish the library, initially good quality, unwanted cushions and beanbags or floor rugs. If you are in the process of de-cluttering, spring-cleaning, downsizing or a spot of feng-shui, we'd be grateful if you contacted Mr Jarvis. We also hope to put in a comfy sofa, however there are restrictions on what we can accept, not least because the access is through a narrow door off a narrow passage! It wouldn't need to be cosmetically perfect as we will probably use throws to fit our colour schemes, but it would need to be clean and safe. We might not be able to accept your offer – or at least not yet – but again, if you do have something you were about to throw out, please get in touch.

Finally, once we are up and running, we'll need librarians. When the current library was functioning, classes would have timetabled book change sessions and children would have a free choice of book to bring home. We'd like to re-introduce these, alongside the other uses. If you think you'd like to help your child's class, please would you speak to their teacher to arrange a time.

Thanks for your time. We hope you're as excited as we are about this.

Best wishes,

Chris Jarvis