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Learning Together

Head Teacher's Report 2016-17 **FOSMS AGM 19.09.2017**

On behalf of the Pupils, Staff and Governors of Mellor St Mary CE Primary School, I would like to say thank you to the Friends' Committee for another very successful year of fundraising and socializing.

Over the last twelve months, School has been able to access a variety of new resources and held a number of social events courtesy of the hard work and dedication of the FOSM committee and its volunteers.

Our education provision has been enriched through;

- Life Education Bus Visit – all children in school have developed their PHSCE and science knowledge through age appropriate and targeted lessons.
- Individual class trips – children have visited a range of educational settings from Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque to Ribchester Roman Museum, Bury and Fleetwood Transport Museums as well as BAE STEM research centre and other settings. These visits have enriched and deepened the children's understanding of their individual topics and brought learning and history to life.
- Human Geography Resource books for Y5 and Y6. – These have helped to develop an understanding of the earth and it's physical and human features thus allowing children to reach NC expectations for geography.
- Replacement of the Cargo net – this has allowed children to develop their physical and risk awareness skills during playtime and focused PE sessions.
- Maths resources – the recent donation to develop maths resources in school has allowed all pupils to have access to much needed practical maths equipment. This has not only helped the lower ability children but has also supported the middle and more able to deepen their understanding of place value and times tables.
- Portable induction hob and sewing machine - these have been used in school and by after school provision thus allowing children access to the full DT curriculum, particularly in relation to textiles.
- Window washer and Vacuum – these have kept Mr Venables happy! They have also allowed school to be kept clean and tidy producing a quality learning environment and ambiance.
- Subsidised Mrs Taylors leaving plaque – this is going to be positioned in the new entrance area of school to create a stimulating welcome to school.

None of the above would have been possible without the kind donations and commitment to fundraising from FOSMS this year.

Moving forwards to Academic Year 2017-18. There are a number of large and small scale projects we would like support with. In the current educational climate, school budgets are being increasingly squeezed and it is becoming more and more difficult to provide the necessities for teaching and learning let alone the enhancements. Therefore with this in mind, this year we are putting forward a number of 'wishes' which include a range of necessities and enrichments. We appreciate that it is not

possible to purchase everything in one year and this list is intended to stand and be amended over the next few academic years. However, every little helps and anything from this list is really appreciated.

Wish List Item 2017-18	Approx cost
Interactive / touch screen whiteboard	£3000-4000 each
Individual Class allowances	5 x £200 (£1000)
Trips and Visits subsidized (1 per class)	£70 per trip
Whole School Christmas Cathedral transport	?
Subject specific enrichment workshops (music, history, art)	£500 per subject
Life Education Bus	£560
Trophy Display Cabinet	£200 - £500
Science Storage Unit	£200
Maths resources (e.g. Numicom per class)	4 x £200 (£800)
English resources (renewing home reading books)	£1000
Tipi Base redevelopment (basic costs)	£3000
Pond area clearing	£200
Pond area re development	£500 - £1000

As previously stated, school cannot work in isolation and the support from FOSMS, parents and friends of Mellor St Mary is truly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the staff in school to all those who have supported us over the last twelve months with their time, money, creative thinking and friendships.

This concludes the Headteacher's reports for FOSMS 2017

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