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Dear Parents,

**Re: PTA Fundraising**

We wanted to update with you our PTA fundraising for this year. As you are probably aware, budgets across education and in most schools are being squeezed tighter and cut further; this makes the work of the PTA more important than ever. We want to support the school to offer all of our children the most interesting, effective and enriching education possible. We also want to provide fun activities that the children and their families enjoy.

In this academic year, we have raised over £11,000- most recently £1,200 at the circus event. Since September our funds have been spent on two whole school theatre visits (£1,245), a contribution towards the school sign (£638) and the resources needed for the beautification day (£1,000). Many of these resources for the outside areas will be used in works which are still ongoing. We also allocated £50 to each class for the children to spend as they chose, as we try to do each year (£450).

We are now talking to the headteachers to agree the best way to spend the current PTA funds. We would like use our funds in two ways. Firstly, the teaching staff would like to be able to use visualisers with their electronic whiteboards. This is a camera which can be used to project live to the whiteboard, giving instant feedback to the class. This allows teachers to share examples of work with the whole class, using this to edit, discuss and celebrate the children's work. It can also be used to project live close up practical demonstrations to a whole class. Providing visualisers to all the classrooms would cost approximately £900.

Secondly, restricted budgets next year mean that the school have asked us to contribute 50% of the costs of the Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) provision. BYMT provide recorder and drumming lessons as well as support for the Y5 & 6 performance. In addition, in 2018-19 they would provide music workshops in KS1. This will cost approximately £2000.

All parents/carers are automatically members of the PTA and we would welcome any feedback or thoughts you have, either on how we spend our funds or the ways in which we fundraise and the events we run. We have our Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Wed 12 September. Please come along and support us by electing the PTA Committee. In the meantime, drop us an email with any feedback or suggestions. We can only raise these funds with your help.

Kind regards,

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