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Dear Cuddington Families,

I would like to dedicate this week's newsletter to our PTA and share how committed our PTA committee are to raising money to benefit our children and families.

On Tuesday evening, I met with the committee to talk through money raised so far, intended spend and plans for future events. Since September, the committee have donated £5,500 to pay for a variety of things; Reception children's book bags, Year 6 leaver's hoodies, our new Ready, Steady Spell programme, TT Rock Stars, all of the resources for Mr Bryan to build our Reception children a wooden ark and transport for every child to attend the Christmas pantomime.

You may have heard on recent news or via social media platforms how hard school budgets have been hit with rising costs and minimum funding given. It is becoming harder and harder to find money to pay for even more basic resources for children now and without the dedication of our PTA, our children would be missing out.

Recently, we have noticed our hall floor is becoming more worn with holes appearing on a weekly basis – it is 70 years old after all, but we will soon be at the point where we will not have a hall to use. Therefore Mr Bryan, Trust colleagues and I have gone about researching what we can do to ensure we have a hall fit for purpose, but at a price that is affordable. Nothing has been affordable, so we have turned to our PTA to ask if they would pay for the shortfall needed to replace the floor. As usual they said 'Yes.' Governors and staff couldn't be more grateful to them. In the Easter holidays, this work will be completed.

I must ensure I pass on my thanks to all of you as our Cuddington families who support the fundraising either through making monetary contributions or/and volunteering time. Without additional volunteers, events cannot take place.

Our next event is the musical bingo on Friday 22nd March at St John's Church Hall. Please come along to support your school and have a really good time too! Here is the link to book your ticket and order food if you would like it.

<https://cuddington-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Today in Celebration Assembly I have shared the importance of sun safety with all the children – our PTA would like to organise for each child to have a sun hat/cap which parents can purchase to be left in school so when (eventually) the sun arrives, your child can stay safe and protect the skin on their scalp. We would like each child to choose their own colour, so they are inclined to wear it. Please look out for the order form on School Spider to select hat style and colour, and then please pay £5 per hat on ParentPay. (Please note that the PTA will be unable to order any hats that do not have a corresponding payment on ParentPay) Once the hats have arrived there will be the opportunity for your child to personalise their hat with a design of their choice. This will be done in school at an additional cost of £1 – more details on this will follow in due course. The cut off date for orders is 27th March 2024 – the PTA will be unable to accept any orders after this date.

The BIGGEST of thanks to our PTA committees (past and present) – what would we do without you? 😊

Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives, and we look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening next week.

Kind regards,

Sue Mills (Head Teacher)

