



# St John's Primary School

Company Registered Number: 8517255

## St John's Primary School - How can I help?

Many of you will be aware from Press coverage that Government funding for schools has not kept pace with rising costs in recent years. This means that we are increasingly reliant on help from parents and carers, the PTFA, friends of the school and the local community to be able to afford new equipment or to refresh parts of the school.

We appreciate the many parents who already listen to the children read, help on trips, support or organise fundraising events, help at Love your School Day and run afterschool clubs, to name but a few of the contributions you make.

At the start of a new school year and when we have several new families joining the school for the first time, we thought it might be worth letting all parents know how you can help the school, in addition to supporting your child(ren)'s learning, of course!

The PTFA will soon be planning their events for 2018/19 and be contacting you about fundraising events but you may also be able help in any of the following ways:

- Do you have a trade, skill or hobby which you could donate some hours to the school, for example gardening, decorating or property maintenance?
- Do you run or work for a company who might be willing to provide some volunteer time to our school or provide its services at a reduced cost?
- Do you work for a company which provides matched funding if you take part in a school fundraising event?
- Some parents might wish to donate money directly towards a specific project. The school is in the process of becoming registered for gift aid so that donations will attract tax relief, we will keep you informed about this.

This year we have set our sights on:

- Decorating classrooms, corridors and the Nurture Room in Key stage 2 to improve the learning environment for children.
- Redeveloping the Key stage 1 playground to make better use of space and provide increased opportunities for physical activity as well as sensory opportunities to improve wellbeing for children with emotional and behavioural needs.

We will be contacting local organisations and businesses ourselves, applying for grants and aiming to get ourselves selected for community funding from local businesses. Please support us if you see us in Waitrose or Tesco. If any parent can provide us with additional help we would love to hear from you. Please contact Catherine Wedgbury, our School Business Manager or pop into the office.

