

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents/carers

**Re: Fundraising for 2023-24**

I felt it would be useful, once again, to set out the fundraising that we intend to do this year. We want to continue to raise money for local and national charities. However, with the ever-increasing funding issues that schools are facing, fundraising for the school continues to be essential to enable us to provide the high quality experiences and resources that the pupils deserve. I am ever mindful though of relying on everyone's goodwill with this, particularly at a time when some families will be experiencing significant financial pressures. I would like to reassure you that your child will not be disadvantaged if you are unable, or choose not, to support the fundraising that we do. As always, we are extremely grateful to those who are able to, so thank you in advance for your support.

**Sponsored events**

We will be organising three sponsored events this year, one each term. Money raised will support our current school improvement priorities e.g. further developing our early reading provision; providing access to a wide variety of diverse reading materials for all children; continuing to improve our play time provision through OPAL.

**Charity work and other fundraising**

- Harvest collection: donations for Tapestry Care UK (earlier this term)
- #Hello Yellow: donation to wear yellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day (earlier this term)
- Children-in-Need: donation to wear non-uniform & sale of Pudsey merchandise (17<sup>th</sup> November 2023)
- Red Nose Day: donation to wear non-uniform (15<sup>th</sup> March 2024)
- Book sale: children purchase second hand books to fund new books for the libraries
- Playground activity: Branfil Parliament groups may organise a simple fund raiser e.g. Lucky Bucket at drop off and pick up times
- Y6 mini market: variety of stalls for children to enjoy, with funds raised spent on something for the school that the Y6 children choose.

**Book donations**

We are refreshing our year group wish lists of books that would further enhance our offer to the children and continue to promote reading for pleasure – these can be found on our website: <https://www.branfil.com/curriculum/reading/wishlists/>. We would be very grateful if you felt able to purchase one of these books and bring it into school, to Mrs Cullender. She will stick a bookplate in the front cover, with your child's name on, before the book is added to either our school library or a classroom book corner; this book will then be available for children to borrow and enjoy at home.

**Regular direct debits**

Following a parent led questionnaire a few years ago amongst some of the classes in the school, a number of parents/carers felt that they would like to make a regular, or one off, donation to the school. We have raised a significant amount of money in this way. Direct debits can be set up using the following information:

- Bank account number: 00976304
- Sort code: 301424
- Bank reference: Parent Donation

You may add your name in front of 'parent donation' if you wish.

Thank you for your generosity – it is greatly appreciated.

### **Friends of Branfil**

Our fantastic PTA continue to organise a wide range of events throughout the year. The events are intended to give the children opportunities that they may otherwise not get whilst also raising money for the school. Some of the ways that Friends of Branfil has helped the school over the last few years include:

- providing the money to install the new sandpit in the main playground for all children to access at break times
- purchasing a wide range of Read Write Inc books and resources to support our early reading provision
- paying to install new play equipment for our younger children in the quad
- providing curriculum resources and general playground equipment
- buying Branfil water bottles for all Reception children
- funding leavers' hoodies and the leavers' disco for our Year 6 children as they move to secondary school
- paying for a range of experiences for the children e.g. workshops, duck eggs and incubators, butterfly kits
- making significant contributions to our ICT suite and library, ensuring that we stay up to date
- funding the boys' toilet refurbishment in the old building, as requested by our pupils.

I hope that it has been useful for you to see the overview of our fundraising this year. As always, feedback is very welcome. Finally, thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom

Headteacher