

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Learning with Love, Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus*

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Dear St Mary's Families

## RE: Sponsorship of our School Library

I am writing to tell you about the initiative we have set up, with the aim of boosting the content of the school and classroom libraries. We have written to many local companies and businesses, asking if they would support the school by sponsoring our library – either by gifting the school through an Amazon wishlist, or with direct donations – and in return, we will promote their company or business on the school website as part of our 'School Library Heroes' page. The following information is being sent to businesses this week:

*We are acutely aware of the effect the pandemic has had on people around the world, but feel that no group in our local area has been more affected than the young children who have missed six months of their precious early education.*

*As a school, we are hugely concerned about the limited amount of reading that many of our children are likely to have been exposed to during the school closure period and we feel that this vital area of learning must be one of our main priorities through the coming year and into the future for these children. However, many of the books that we hold on site are dated and not enticing or engaging for the children. Our aim is to be able to have a supply of exciting reading material to engage the children in their learning and to continue to create readers for the future.*

*In light of this, we are reaching out to members of our local community who may be willing and able to support the school in developing the reading experience that the children at St Mary's School truly deserve. We are asking for a donation to our school library – however small or large – so that we can continue to support the learning of our children. Your donation will allow children to have access to a wide range of books at age-appropriate levels of context and challenge and allow the school to create attractive, enticing reading spaces for children to lose themselves in the world of literature.*

Your donation can be sent to us through direct donation to the address above, or through our Amazon wishlist ([https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ACTMZMT59GM2?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ACTMZMT59GM2?ref=wl_share)) where you will find a range of texts that you could choose from to send directly to the school.

*If you would rather donate in other ways, you would be having a huge impact on our small school:*

- £10 would help us to buy 2 or 3 picture books to share in our Early Years classes or a pack of 4-5 phonics books to help the children develop their early reading knowledge.



- £25 would help us to buy a set of novels, allowing our older children to explore a series of books from beginning to end.
- £50-£100 could help us to fund much-needed new shelving and furniture for books and reading corners, inviting the children into reading spaces.
- £150 could help us to buy a range of brand new non-fiction texts, meaning the new curriculum we have designed can really come alive.
- £200 could help us to fund a class set of texts especially chosen by the children, meaning that they are able to read books by their favourite authors, while also being introduced to new and exciting writers.

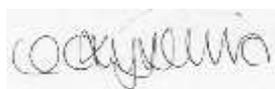
In exchange for supporting our children with their reading, we will happily promote your business through our school website on our 'School Library Heroes' page, celebrating the wonderful community members who are able to contribute to the school at <https://hartfieldschool.co.uk/> and through our weekly school newsletter.

We are very aware that many local businesses have found the last 6 months extremely challenging. If you are not able to support the school, please do feel free to explore our website to view the work that we are doing and pass on our details to others who may be interested in supporting us.

If you have links with a company or business who you think may be interested, or if you (or any individuals you know) would like to be one of our 'School Library Heroes', please follow or pass on the instructions above.

We thank you, in advance, for supporting our school and for helping us to invest in the future of our children.

Kind regards,



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