



ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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LAPS FOR LAPTOPS – Friday 5th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may or may not be aware, Microsoft are dropping support for Windows 7 which South Gloucestershire Council use to run their IT. As a result, they will be running Windows 10 and St Chad's school have a wide range of IT such as staff and pupil laptops, which will no longer run effectively if they are changed to Windows 10, rendering them redundant.

St Chad's therefore face huge costs to replace the entire laptop suite and although some funding has been secured, funds still need to be found to replace the laptops used by the pupils as part of their IT lessons.

The Friends have been able to offer an initial donation of £1000 through funds raised by events held this year that **you** have supported, such as the Christmas Fair. However, alongside the school, we have been investigating ways that we can raise further funds, whilst not impacting on the donations we already make to school trips, class donations and numerous other things, such as parties and school play licences.

The Friends have applied to Tesco to be considered for their charity blue coin drop, but we would also like to run an in-school sponsorship event, which we have called "Laps for Laptops". On **Friday 5th July**, each class will take it in turn to run, walk or skip as many laps of the field as they can manage in order to raise funds through sponsorship. This is not a competitive event, but we will be giving prizes to those who show the greatest determination and effort in each class and we will be awarding a 'class prize' to the class which raises the most money.

You will find a sponsorship form attached (please see the office if you need more) – please support this event and pass the form to family, friends and colleagues. Anything they can pledge (however small) will be a fantastic help. The completed form will need to be in school (handed to class teachers) on **Wednesday 3rd July** in preparation for "Laps for Laptops" so that we can record the pupil's achievement and the amount of pledges they have raised. Forms will then be returned home in order that you can collect funds.

All forms will then need to be returned with funds to the white FRIENDS box in a sealed envelope by **Monday 15th July**.

Thank you so much for all your support

The Friends

On Behalf of St Chad's Patchway CE Primary School Friends Association - Registered Charity Number 1023808



