

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to Covid-19 the school has faced great challenges, both financially and practically. One of the significant educational gaps caused by Covid-19 and identified by the school is literacy. In order to try and fill this gap, the school would like to purchase a reading recovery scheme.

The school's budget, whilst normally stretched in normal times has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. The school has been faced with large additional costs for which there has been no additional funding. This means that the school has even less money than normal to purchase educational resources for the children.

We are running a Laps for Literacy fundraiser to try to raise as much money for new books across the school as we can. The school have introduced a new reading system this year in reception – Year 4 where all children are now on a staged book as well as having the opportunity to choose their own 'richer read' from a high-quality collection of texts. We would love to raise as much money as possible to buy a bigger variety of engaging and exciting richer read texts for children across all year groups to enjoy, as well as being able to extend our staged reading model into years 5 and 6, to work alongside their '100 book club'!

To help our school and your child, the Friends will be supporting the school in running a sponsorship event in which all children will take part during the school day. This event is called Laps for Literacy and will take place during the weeks commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June. Each class will take it in turns 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, as well as a class prize for the class who raise the most sponsorship money.

You will find a sponsorship form attached – please support this event and ask as many friends, family, colleagues and neighbours to sponsor your child. Anything they can pledge (however small) will be fantastic help. The completed form will need to be in school by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June** due to the need to quarantine the forms in preparation for the event. This will allow us to record the pupil's achievement and the amount of pledges that they have raised. Forms will be returned home in order that you can collect funds.

All forms will then need to be returned **with funds** during the week commencing **12<sup>th</sup> July** where staff will be on the green gates at school with buckets ready to accept your sponsorship money.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/LAPS-FOR-LITERACY-SPONSORSHIP-FORM.pdf>

Thank you so much for all of your support! *The Friends*

