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Monday 13th January, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are finally in a position to share our playground design with you all; please see attached! As you are aware, we have worked closely with OASES Outdoor Learning to consult with the children, staff and governors to create a vision for what we would like our playground to look like!

Unfortunately at this moment in time, there is no surplus in our school budget to fund the playground improvements. Therefore, for the past two years, the funds that have been made from the events that the Friends of All Saints' have raised are going to the development of our outdoor space.

So far, the Friends group have been able to donate a wonderful **£6 000!**

From the last academic year, they were able to donate the following profits:

2018 Movie Night: £110

2018 Christmas Fayre: £1 500

2019 Summer Fayre: £1 600

Funds from coffee mornings throughout the year: £400

Discos: £115

Raffles: £53

Of course, we also have the profits from this year's events to use too and the money made from the **One Hundred Club!** For the foreseeable future, our Friends will continue to fundraise for our outdoor area. Going forward, it will be advertised clearly which part of the fundraising equipment we are fundraising for.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone who has been involved with our Friends group to organise events and help with the planning and preparation. Without help from individuals, we would not be able to make improvements.

We have also been lucky enough to receive **£1 000** funding from Nissan; I would like to thank Mrs. Henry for putting us into contact with their fundraising group. As you are aware, in the recent past we received a donation from Tesco Bags of Help for the Multi-Use Games Area and our garden was improved last year with a grant from OASES for outdoor development; we hope our Eco club will continue to add value to our garden in the spring. Currently we have a bid in with the National Lottery



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and we are on the lookout for further fundraising opportunities. If you know of any, please point us in the right direction!

As I am sure you are aware, substantial improvements to our grounds (including some of the surfacing associated with specific equipment) are due to cost a significant amount of money. We are currently in the process of sourcing/designing/building the following:

- 1.Storage for wellington boots (all pupils in school) so children can access the grass all year round
- 2.The Trim Trail (either parts of it or all of it depending upon cost)
- 3.A stage (top left corner of the plan)

After these three areas have been sourced our next big project will be the large climbing structure. At present, we do not have a cost for this but once we are in a position to arrange quotes, we will let you know our fundraising target and the progress we gradually make towards it.

If you have any contacts, skills or resources that can help us along our journey, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I would also like to ask you to share this project with grandparents, wider family, friends and neighbours if you think they will be able to offer any help!

Depending upon what crops up and the opportunities that are presented to us, we might ask for volunteers at different times over the coming year/years; we will keep you updated every step of the way.

The consultation report is available to view in school if you would like (just ask the school office) and this information will be available on our school website: www.lanchester.durham.sch.uk If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

