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Dear Parents and Carers,

Appeal for Donations and Voluntary Contributions - Funding for a brighter future!

As we begin the Summer term, I wanted to share with you some important information regarding our school's financial situation and am asking for your support.

You may have seen the recent BBC Panorama titled 'Britain's Crumbling Schools,' which sheds light on the deteriorating state of many school buildings across the country. The documentary features Headteachers struggling to maintain safe learning environments for children due to the poor condition of their classrooms. It is disheartening to learn that more than £11 billion is needed for repairs, with 700,000 children currently attending substandard schools.

School budgets are stretched to the limit, and although funding may appear to be increasing, the additional costs are putting pressure on already limited resources. Services that were previously provided free of charge now have to be covered by school budgets. In addition to this utility bills have skyrocketed, with our electricity costs tripling.

Our budget is currently in a good position. However, finances are becoming tighter, and we believe that it is crucial to communicate this to parents/carers and seek your support in securing the future of our school.

As the Governors and I have consistently emphasised, our priority is to maintain high staffing levels to ensure the best possible education for our children. This commitment has been reflected in our previous and recent results, which have been commendable. Last year's results were particularly impressive, with our school achieving significantly above national in all areas:

Progress and Attainment	2023 Cohort	Performance in 2023	2023 Value	2023 Nat. Value
Reading KS1	30	Sig above national and 95 th percentile	87	68
Writing KS1	30	Sig above national and 95 th percentile	80	60
Mathematics KS1	30	Sig above national and 99 th percentile	93	70
Mathematics KS2 progress	26	Sig above national and 96 th percentile	4.3	0.0
Mathematics KS2 high standard	27	Sig above national and 99 th percentile	56	24
Reading KS2			74	59
Writing KS2			81	79



Our school relies on various financial streams to provide quality education and meet the diverse needs of our pupils. While Government funding covers a proportion of our expenses, there are additional costs associated with enriching our curriculum and maintaining our facilities. We believe every pupil deserves access to the resources and support they need to succeed, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Through donations and voluntary contributions, we can enhance educational opportunities for all our pupils. Your contribution would directly impact their learning experiences, enabling us to offer, update resources and technology, and create an enriching learning environment that fosters growth and inspires success. By investing in our school, you are investing in the future of our community.

There are four ways you can contribute to our school:

Funding Stream		To Support	Donation Frequency	Donation Method
1	Governors' School Improvement Fund	– Building works – School improvements	– Monthly – Annual	– Standing Order – Cash/Cheque
2	School Fund	– Curriculum – Outdoor learning	– One-off – Regular	– ScoPay
3	Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)	– Enrichment – Trinity Farm	– Ad-hoc at events	– PTFA events
4	Amazon Wish List	– Curriculum – Classroom resources	– Ad-hoc	– Online

1) **Governors' School Improvement Fund:**

What is the Governors' School Improvement Fund?

The Governors' School Improvement Fund is held and managed by the Governing Body and has a charitable status. The fund relies heavily on voluntary donations from parents and carers and is used to maintain and improve the school.

We are a Voluntary Aided school, which means we only receive 90% of funding from the Government towards Capital projects. The Governors' School Improvement fund is needed to make up the shortfall, with the Governing Body responsible for raising the remaining 10% of the cost of any capital work.

What has the Governors' School Improvement Fund achieved?

In the past, the Governors' School Improvement Fund has been able to help pay for canopies for outdoor learning areas, new ceilings and lighting, playground resurfacing, a new school kitchen, and most recently a new outdoor Quiet Area and the development of Trinity Farm.

There are many more changes we would like to make in order to keep the school a fresh, inspiring and comfortable environment for pupils to flourish and live life in its fullness – and we heavily rely on the generosity and support from parents and carers such as yourselves.

What can I do / how can I contribute?

As a guide we suggest £7 per child per month but any contribution is most welcome. All contributions are entirely voluntary and confidential. If you are a UK tax payer, you can add Gift Aid to your donation which will increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.

It would really help us to have monthly payments by Standing Order. This spreads the cost for you and enables us to know what income we can expect so we can plan ahead and ensure the continuous development of our school programs and facilities.

If you are able to support, please return the enclosed paperwork and donations in a sealed envelope addressed to the Governors' School Improvement Fund Administrator, care of the School Office.

How can I find out more?

To find out more you can visit the [Governors' School Improvement Fund page](#) of our website. Alternatively, you can contact the Governors' School Improvement Fund Administrator, Michael Hill, via email at michael.hill@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk. Michael is a Parent Governor, and happy to help with any questions.

2) **School Fund:**

What is the School Fund?

The purpose of the School Fund is to advance and enhance the education of the pupils of Nutfield Church Primary School. Its primary use is to manage the income of parent/carer contributions to trips; however it can also be used as a way of making donations to the school to provide additional resources, materials and equipment which cannot be completely financed by Government funding.

What has the School Fund achieved?

The School Fund has been used to develop the school grounds and enhance the play facilities. The School Fund has also been used to support the running costs of Trinity Farm and the purchase of new equipment for the animals.

What can I do / how can I contribute?

Any contribution, no matter the size, will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. To donate to the School Fund you can sign in to your [ScoPay account](#). Once logged in there are two areas you can donate to: Outdoor learning (Trinity Farm), or a general donation pot for the school.

How can I find out more?

To find out more or for help accessing your ScoPay account please contact the School Office Manager, Serena Fowler, via email at info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk.

3) **Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA):**

What is the PTFA?

Our Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) organise events throughout the year, providing an opportunity for our school community to come together and raise funds. Your participation in these events, as well as any contributions made, directly improves the facilities and resources available to the children.

The PTFA is a registered charity, and they are able to raise money through Gift Aid and Charity Matched Giving schemes.

What has the PTFA achieved?

Proceeds from PTFA events are used to enhance the learning experience for our children and bring additional joy and enrichment to their time at school. The latest purchase by the PTFA was a set of 32 iPads which the children love using during their lessons.

With the approval of the Governors and I, the PTFA have agreed to a 3-year financial plan beginning in 2024/25. Year 1 (2024/25) will focus on the decoration and full refurbishment of the library. We want to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for our children to explore the world of books. Additionally, we will invest in a range of new classroom reading books to improve the reading experience for all our children.

In year 2 (2025/26), we have planned a full update of our reading schemes and in year 3 (2026/27), we will be focusing on updating our technology and digital tools as required. We recognise the significance of keeping pace with the ever-evolving digital landscape and aim to provide our children with the latest tools to enhance their learning experience.

What can I do / how can I contribute?

The majority of funds raised by the PTFA are achieved through the events that they run. Some of their most popular events include the Summer Garden Party, Quiz Nights, Children's Discos and Cinema Night. In addition, each class holds a cake sale and the proceeds are spent on an end of term treat for all the children.

How can I find out more?

To find out more you can visit the [PTFA page](#) of our website. Alternatively, you can contact the PTFA directly, via email at nutfieldchurchptfa@gmail.com.

4) **Amazon Wish List:**

What is the Amazon Wish List?

In addition to monetary contributions, we have created an Amazon wish list where you can find a selection of resources that our school would greatly benefit from. By purchasing items from this list, you are not only supporting our school but also directly contributing to the education and well-being of every child.

What can I do / how can I contribute?

If you are interested in donating you can follow the link to our [Amazon Wish List](#), or alternately you can scan the QR code. If you have not used a QR code before, simply open the camera app on your phone and place your phone over the QR code. A link will automatically pop up for you to click which will take you directly to the wish list.

How can I find out more?

If you are having any trouble accessing the Amazon Wish list please contact the School Office via email at info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk.



We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is crucial for the success of our children, and your support plays an integral part in achieving this. Your contributions, whether financial or in-kind, contribute directly to the growth and development of our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imogen Woods', written in a cursive style.

Imogen Woods
Headteacher