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Accelerated Reader Project – Just Giving Page

Dear Parents / Carers

I have just completed my report during COVID 19 for our Governors' Meeting. In it, I have listed the successes and the challenges of the past 3 months, recognising that both have been significant. Throughout this difficult period for all of us, we have prioritised the safety of all our staff, families and children. But we have also recognised the growing need of our support, both in school and with home learning, as many of our children have struggled to keep their focus on home learning over so many weeks.

Thank you for all you have done to encourage your child in their learning, whether this has been accessing work set on Class Dojo, or in activities they have enjoyed with you that maybe in 'normal times' they wouldn't have had the chance to experience. We have also really appreciated the lovely comments of encouragement and appreciation that staff have received. I know we will not have got the balance right all of the time but we have done our very best!

Lockdown has been really difficult for our Friends of Winslow. You will be aware of the different events they put on during the year: cinema afternoons, MUFTI days, Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gifts as well as larger events such as the Christmas and Summer Fete. As a result of this fundraising they are able to support each year group with £100 to subsidise visits and visitors, sets of reading books and other extras; they enable the library to purchase new books that interest the children and meet their reading needs; and they provide presents and decorations that make Christmas so enjoyable for the children. In addition, each year they fund a special project. Over the years this has been the Musical Woodland, the Jungle Gym, support for the Sensory Garden, upgrading the kitchen so that we can provide the children with really tasty, healthy lunches (the number of children taking school meals from FreshStart has nearly doubled)!

This year's fundraising project was towards a three or five year licence for our Accelerated Reader Programme (£7k - £11k). The children love Accelerated Reader with its quizzes and competitive element and their reading comprehension has come on in leaps and bounds. But we were relying on a good summer fete, which unfortunately cannot happen now. We fully understand that many of our families have faced significant financial hardship as a result of lockdown and will not be able to support this project. However, for anyone who feels they can make a donation, FOWS are setting up a 'Just Giving' page. Every penny will go towards the children. The link will be posted on Class Dojo, on the FOWS page of our website and on the FOWS facebook page as soon as it is approved – please look out for an update!

Thanking you again for your appreciation of all we have tried to do, in whatever form it has been shown. With my best wishes

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