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Dear Parents and Carers,

FUN-draising!

Last week, our recently formed FUN-draising group had an excellent first meeting. They are eager to help raise funds to improve our Early Years area, as well as supplementing our playing facilities across both schools and helping us to offset some costs for educational visits. The group are very enthusiastic about the prospect of working alongside our local businesses and have managed to secure several donated prizes in a very short space of time!

The main FUN-draising event that the group wishes to coordinate is a summer fayre at St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School, on Friday 5th July, commencing at 2:15pm. All funds raised will be match-funded by Barclays Bank PLC; we therefore want to make the most out of this fantastic opportunity.

Governors have given permission for our pupils to be collected from their respective schools, **at 2:15pm on Friday 5th July**. This will enable our staff and parents to facilitate stalls– this will also enable us to capitalise on the potential footfall of the schools at this time. For those children who are unable to be collected at 2:15pm – please do not worry - we will ensure that an adult is able to look after them and support them throughout the last hour of the afternoon. We also want our Year 6 pupils to learn the craft of managing a stall: therefore, we will walk them to the infant school accompanied by a class teacher to help us to facilitate the fayre.

It is our expectation that kind and generous donations from the local community will enable us to raise money for the schools. The PTA, who are organising the event, are therefore grateful for any donations – big or small – that our parents and carers can contribute to raffle prizes. Donations can be made at either school. Equally, we recognise that there are many people in our school who may have an Etsy store (or equivalent!). We would love to hear from you.

Dates for the diary:

- a) Friday 24th May – Non-uniform day in return for donations for bring-a-bottle tombola
- b) Friday 7th June – Non-uniform day in return for chocolate tombola donations.

Other donations that you may consider donating could include:

- Unwanted/preloved adult gym wear (for a swap shop for a small donation!) or any other nearly new clothes.
- Unwanted/preloved toys/books/jigsaws/games
- Toiletry donations for a tombola

The next PTA meeting is being held on **Friday 7th June, at 2:15pm, at St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School** – but please remember that this is not exclusively for infant parents – the meeting is open to parents of both schools. Further details will be sent out regarding smaller fundraising activities which will take place this term – but we thank you in advance for your time and support. Our summer fayre will be a great opportunity for us to work together as we seek to enhance and improve the education and facilities of the sites.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Swaddle.
Executive Headteacher