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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new term at St. Joseph’s; the children have settled in very well.

I am writing again this year asking for your continued financial support for our school Building Fund.

Over the summer break the carpets in Year 3 and 4 classrooms were replaced with wooden flooring, funded from the school Building Fund. Whilst on a learning walk yesterday, governors noticed the big difference the new flooring has made and we plan to replace the floors in Year 5 and 6 classrooms this academic year. During our walk, we also checked in on our new Reception children who were working very happily and we observed the children in Year 1 who were enjoying using the recently purchased decodable books for the KS1 guided reading programme.

The sum of £30,000 has been set aside to upgrade the Foundation Stage outdoor learning area. We had hoped for this work to have been carried out during the summer break. Unfortunately, due to late responses from contractors and the details of plans not reaching the high expectations of Miss Cartwright and staff in Pre School for the new area, it could not go ahead yet but we are working hard to reach conclusion for the final drawing. Plans will be available very soon.

To update you how governors have spent money from the Building Fund over the past few years, please look at our short video on the website. For more information you can also visit our website and look on the Parents dropdown tab.

We also thank our PTFA for their continued hard work to purchase resources to enhance the learning experience for our children. During the summer term the PTFA purchased more new chrome books for KS2 and have agreed to refurbish our school library.

On behalf of your Governing Board and Senior Leadership Team, thank you again for your valued support to keep St. Joseph’s in the state of repair that we want our children to enjoy.

Kind regards

Tina Rowe

On behalf of St. Joseph’s Governing Board