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Dear Parents / Carers,

You will all be very aware of the financial pressures facing schools around the country at the moment. You can barely listen to a news report without such mention of school funding issues. King Edwin is certainly not immune to these issues but I do not wish to bore parents with the doom and gloom stories that are circulating - quite the contrary.

Therefore, I am really excited to share that we now have a new large screen projector in our hall purchased from money raised by the FOKE Team. This was desperately required and is very much appreciated. We also have new student iPads and the enterprise fayre donations helped to ensure we could provide these. Thank you guys!

Mrs Armitage is making use of every single penny she has available to her. We are also investing money elsewhere in school by accessing external grants that again, can only be used to support specific projects.

I'm writing to spread a little positivity in our community in a world that seems quite devoid of such good news stories. I'm also writing to ask if parents could help us out a little before we invest in a few other essential resources for our children.

I'd like you to have a really good look at children's books that you have at home and consider donating any really good quality copies that can fill our school library and class shelves. My children have many books that I'm happy to donate as I simply want other children to get enjoyment from them. I'm sure you will all feel the same way too.

The books must be good quality and preferably not particularly old. We don't really want to be inundated with half chewed books that are not fit for our children to read at school. It would be great if we could gather non-fiction books too. Replenishing our non-fiction collection is often quite a challenge as these books can be very expensive. If you have any topic books that you no longer wish to keep, please consider passing them on to us.

Finally, before we invest in games, activities and resources for our after school clubs, playtimes and Foundation Unit, we would like to ask for any good quality items that would enhance our provision. I have a few 'unwanted double gift' board games that I'm going to donate and as my little boy 'Harry' has moved into Year 1 this year, we will be donating various toys.

A list of possible items that we would gratefully receive include:

Music/listening

Recorders, drums, beaters, shakers, triangles, xylophones, glockenspiels, bells, clatterpillars, maracas, rain sticks

Construction

Indoor/outdoor Lego, Duplo, Meccano, Mobilo, marble run, blocks – large and small, train set, popoids, sticklebricks

Investigation

Natural and Man made items to use for exploration and transient art. For example, pine cones, conkers, glass nuggets, corks, buttons, beads, magnifying glasses, mirrors, torches (preferably wind up ones as opposed to battery powered) prism viewers, magnets, new/clean guttering

ICT Remote

Remote control toys, old mobile phones and programmable toys

Old fashioned items to use as artefacts such as phones, weighing scales, music players, computers, toys

Shape Number Counting Calculating Measuring

Money 2D shapes, 2D shapes, 2D shape games Number magnets, number cards – various sizes, number fans, number matching games Counting objects – various, pots, plates etc for sorting, counting games Number cards with + - =, addition/subtraction games ,Tape measures, multilink, stopwatches, sand timers, weighing scales, weights, length worms, length games, weight games, capacity games, time games, Large coins, plastic coins, purses, coin games

Sand/outdoor

Wellies, old coats, waterproofs, umbrellas- large and small, tarpaulins, buckets, rope, metal pots and pans

Metal/wooden spoons, bowls, wicker baskets, pots of all shapes and sizes

Water PSRN Capacity CLL PSRN

Jugs, cylinders, basters, syringes, whisks, containers of different sizes, scoops, droppers, water wheels and water pumps, bottles Letters, water crayons Numbers, shapes Dolls, toys etc. to wash, washing equipment e.g. brushes, sponges etc., washing up liquid, food colouring, wallpaper paste, nets, fishing rods, ducks, fish, boats, Cushions, throws, blankets, beanbags, rugs

Physical

Malleable Play dough, plasticine, clay, moon sand, shaving foam, jelly, cous cous, lentils, rice, pasta, spaghetti, sand with washing up mix, wallpaper paste, teabags, compost, sawdust, combs, cutters, rolling pins, forks, knives, spoons, pots, balls, skipping ropes, hula hoops

Without seeming ungrateful, we wouldn't wish to accept very old and well used items. We are more than happy to invest in new resources but don't want to waste vital funds when our community can possibly offer a few solutions by way of their donations.

Thank you in advance for your support as ever. KEPS is a truly special community and together we should be proud of what we can achieve together.

Kind regards,

Andy Callaghan-Wetton