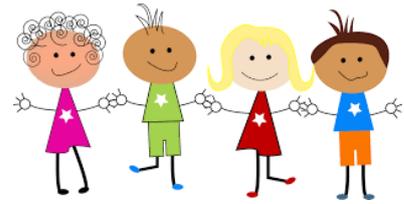


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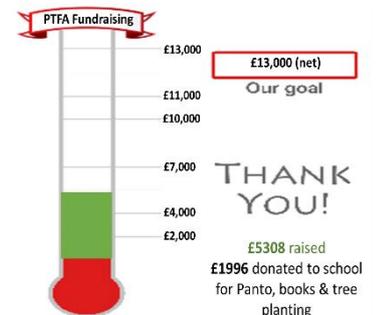


Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020, we hope that you all had a lovely break over the Christmas holidays and are getting back into the daily school routine.

We are very excited to get started on this year's fund raising and the countdown is most definitely on for our biggest event The Barton Ball which this year is on the **24th April 2020 at The Barton Grange Hotel**. Last year we raised an amazing £7000 and this time round we have set our sights high and want to blow this out of the water and hit the £10,000 mark!



At the start of each school year we ask our Headteacher to give us a wish list of what she would like the money that we raise to help fund at our school. So, for this edition we have invited Julie Goodwin to tell us about this year's list and why all our fundraising efforts are so important for our school and our children's future.



"We are extremely fortunate to have such a hard-working, committed PTFA. The committee and its band of happy helpers work relentlessly to raise funds to enhance the educational experience of our pupils. You will no doubt be aware of the succession of cuts to school budgets over recent years. Our own budget has been squeezed to such an extent that we really are watching every penny and constantly looking for ways to make reductions, the most drastic of these being a reduction in Teaching Assistant hours a couple of years ago. Until recently the role of the PTFA was to provide the little extras that make your child's education memorable and enjoyable. Things have changed under the current climate and I am now asking the PTFA to provide essentials like reading books and maths resources. In short, we are struggling to make ends meet and are also acutely aware that we need to invest heavily in ICT equipment and sporting facilities if we are to give your children the education they deserve. Thankfully, with the financial support of the PTFA and Barton Pre-school nursery, we are in a better position than most. Nursery and PTFA contributed heavily towards the cost of the recent playground developments, including the astro-turf in the MUGA, which is a tremendous asset to our delivery of the sports curriculum.

This year, we are looking to improve our computing curriculum and have asked the PTFA to help us to raise enough funds to purchase 30 new iPads whilst continuing to help with the "everyday essentials". Thankfully, they are up for a challenge and have agreed to help. Of course, we couldn't do it without your help and I therefore thank you for continuing to support the fund-raising events that the PTFA organise. I am sure that you will all agree that such events help you to play a very important part in your child's education and give you the opportunity to be more involved in the St Lawrence Family."

****WATCH THIS SPACE****
FILM NIGHT 19th March 2020
Full details will be in the School Newsletter

**** NEXT PTFA meeting****
23rd February 2020 8pm-The Pickled Goose
Please come along and say hi!

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