

Acting Headteacher - Mrs C Oldham

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard that we are planning a huge, innovative and exciting redesign of the playground at Cogenhoe. We've been researching and planning for it for some time and we're really keen to move the plans forward and bring them to life as soon as we can. We have already invested £30,000 into a new multi-use, all weather pitch which is set to be up and running after half term.

To give you a sneaky peak of what we've got planned, the new improved outdoor area will include things like new seating areas, climbing walls, nature trails and table tennis.

Playtime will never be the same two days running offering your children lots of motivating opportunities and will really put Cogenhoe on the map for its outdoor facilities.

All our fundraising efforts this year will be towards the super new playground, and I'm writing to ask for your help with this please.

School has some of the funds needed available, the PTA will be making a significant donation and we will be asking the children to come up with their own fundraising ideas in the next few months, BUT we still have a way to go to get to the amount we need, which we estimate to be around £30,000 for the whole redesign. This is where you come in. Of course, any small donations you may wish to make individually towards the facilities would be gratefully received and all start to add up quickly so if you are able to contribute in any way please go to the office and they will let you know how. We aim to send donation envelopes out in school bags in the coming weeks too – please don't feel any pressure but again, if you are able to help that would be fantastic.

But I am also writing to appeal to any parents who think their places of work or organisations they are linked to may be able to help via routes like donations and match funding.

We will aim to heavily promote the playground once it is in development and when it is completed as it really will be an outside area to be proud of and we'll want to shout about it from the rooftops!

The current playground offers plenty of space and some nice play activities but as you know the equipment has to be cordoned off for large parts of the year. Any donations your employers or acquaintances make will be contributing to a year round experience for our children.

So if you think your employer, friends, clubs or societies may be able to help, we would love to try and publicise their involvement on social media, via our website, through local media and any other routes we can think of.

If you know of any corporates or other organisations that would think may be able to help, please speak to Mrs Oldham or the office, or if you have any other ideas about how to fundraise for our fantastic new playground, we would love to hear them.

Many thanks,

Mrs Gemma Butlin (Parent Governor and member of the PTA)

