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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Stowford Friends are a volunteer group of parents/carers. We meet to propose, organise and manage activities that raise money for the benefit of all current and future Stowford pupils.

Our events include cake sales, discos, fashion shows, bags2school, cauliflower christmas cards and the christmas and summer fairs. These events raise, from you, sums that we then gift back to the school to provide extra amenities that, due to financial constraints, the school is unable to provide.

We have in the past twelve months **donated over £9,500.**

Resources include the new traversing/climbing wall in the yr 3-4 playground, the all-season sandpit gazebo, renovation of the foyer which included the improved display of trophies and seating for younger children, library resources, improvements to the Nursery and Foundation gardens. Funds have also been spent on a theatre group visit and the Lion King performance rights.



Requisitions for our funds currently come from staff and pupils of the school. We are keen to also **encourage suggestions** from parents/carers for items which could be funded to benefit the children.

Stowford Friends would like to establish a **database of skills** that can be called upon when implementing some of the improvements to the children's play/learning facilities. It is important to emphasise that our funds are to enhance the existing environment and not to be used for the day to day maintenance that generally comes from school monies. Our aim is to add to our children's experience of school and support their learning.

If you feel that you have a service or trade account that may be useful to the school please do let us know. We are not looking for handouts or free supply of materials but the ability to tap into a cost beneficial system when the need arises.

We are particularly keen to hear from:

Builders

Gardeners

Painters and Decorators

Stationary suppliers etc

In addition, we are always looking for **volunteers to help at our events**. If you are able to spare some time however little, we would be very grateful for the support.

Thank you all for your continued support of our activities through your generous participation. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November for a festive, fun filled afternoon.

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Please email or return this reply slip to the school office FAO Alban Oliver, Stowford Friends.

Suggestions

I would like to propose that monies raised by Stowford Friends could be spent on.....  
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Skills Database

Name.....

Skill .....

Tel/email.....