



Learning for Life

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents

NEW LEARNING ZONE

I am pleased to say that we are now working on a project to create a new learning zone at the school. As our school is a Victorian building, we lack additional areas where small groups of children can go for interventions or as break out areas for learning. This will be a long-term project, but we have been successful in acquiring a double decker bus which we will turn into a learning zone for small group work, sensory area and space for our learning mentor to use with children. Both the downstairs and upstairs will be developed into valuable space that small groups of children can use. The bus will be situated on the school field.

The project will be in phases and may take a couple of years to complete but we hope to have something like this.



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The first phase was getting a bus and I am delighted to say that Mrs Collins has been successful in this after over 12 months of tireless work.

We are now seeking the legal permissions to have the bus on the school site and will then build a base for it before it can be transported to us. We are hopeful that we may be able to secure a grant to pay for transportation.

The next phase will be ensuring it is watertight and has lighting and heat. We will look into eco-friendly ways of providing this as well as the most cost effect.

Then the exciting bit comes where we transform it into a learning space using the children's ideas.

The upstairs could have an area similar to this for the children to sit and talk, along with a sensory area.



The downstairs will be group work space.



There will inevitably be cost to the different phases, and we are very pleased to say that our PJ day last month raised £177 towards the bus and some parents through the Friends, raised £400 with the pizza night. A group of 12

parents, staff and one pupil are running to raise funds and can be sponsored through the link below. They already have raised £2000, which is amazing and continue to seek donations and practice running for their 5K, 10K and half marathon.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandra-bates-1?utm_term=x7eGVkGvE

Reggie Kinsella is running and has been successful in gaining a grant of £1000 towards the project.

We are hopeful that the Friends will be on board with this project and in the summer term we will be asking all parents where they would like the money raised next year to be spent.

Along with money we will also need some expert help and advice to transform the bus and perhaps you have the skills we will be able to call upon. We need advice on:

- Landscaping and building a re-enforced concrete base.
- Painting the exterior and interior of the bus.
- Carpentry skills.
- Electricity and knowledge of solar panels or other ways to heat and provide lighting.

Or perhaps you could donate some of the resources we need, we will be compiling a list and there will be a dedicated area on our website with information about what we have raised and how you can help. Please do contact us via the school office and let us know if you think you can help in any way.

Yours sincerely

Sue Spearman
Headteacher