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Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are proud to have such an active and hardworking PTA (Parent Teacher Association) also known as the Roman Way Supporters (RWS). They are much valued and an integral part of our school community. Over the past years, our PTA have organised a range of exciting events that have enabled us to raise funds for your children. These funds have not only added cultural capital but made school an exciting and fun place to be for your children. From experience, I can confidently state that the monies raised in the last few years surpasses other schools I have worked in.

As you are aware, currently, school budgets nationally are stretched beyond recognition. The funds raised through events organised by the PTA/RWA events together with the support and generosity of our parents have enabled us to continue to offer additional resources and enrichment activities which are of benefit to your children and will be for future generations.

I am aware that the PTA/RWS have constantly reached out to our parents/carers to join the PTA/RWA and support but have not had much response lately. Unfortunately, the current PTA/RWS are due to lose some of their key members within the next 12 months and have reached a stage where we now need new members to join the Roman Way Supporters (RWS) over the next few months. Your support is needed to ensure these fun events and resources continue to be offered for your children whilst they remain at Roman Way. The voluntary role is not full time and any support, however little, will make a difference.

The role can mean: joining the sub team to organise an event, helping to source raffle prizes, attending a meeting where possible, suggesting fundraising ideas etc. Any time volunteered is very much appreciated,

Sadly, if no new members join, the PTA/RWS will fold in May 2025.

For any parents, who aren't aware, in the last academic year, over £10k was raised for our school at the following events:

- Autumn disco.
- Parent race night.
- Christmas gifts shop.
- Christmas raffle.
- Christmas fair.
- Christmas hampers.

- Parent quiz night.
- Mother's Day gifts.
- Easter egg hunt.
- Easter raffle.
- Summer disco.
- Father's Day gifts.
- Summer fair.
- Summer raffle.
- Non uniform day/crazy hair and socks day.
- Ice cream/cookie sales.
- Preloved uniform sales.

The Roman Way Supporters also administer:

- Your School Lottery.
- Giving Machine.

The Roman Way Supporters also successfully applied for grants totalling over £5k.

Within the last year the following was paid for by these events (approximate figures):

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| • Christmas pantomime in school | £550 |
| • Summer pool parties | £350 |
| • Planetarium visit in school | £500 |
| • Year 4 leavers trip and gifts
(separate to the hoodies and gifts organised by parents) | £220 |
| • New Little Wandle books | £1,500 |
| • New scooter racks | £789 |
| • New items requested by teachers | £367 |
| • New woodland area | £5,500 |
| • New indoor library area and books | £1,100 (ongoing) |
| • New outdoor classroom and library | £7,000 (£5k grant, £2k
RWS – ongoing) |
| • New sensory room | £15,000 (£12k grant, £3k
RWS – ongoing) |

If you would like to find out more, please do email the Roman Way Supporters on RomanWay.PTA@outlook.com

Please can I kindly request your assistance in keeping Roman Way Supporters running and continuing to provide the care and support for our children and our school.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Shah
Headteacher