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Head Teacher's Report 2023-24: FOSMS AGM 10.09.2024

On behalf of the Pupils, Staff and Governors of Mellor St Mary CE Primary School, I would like to say thank you to the Friends' Committee for all their hard work, dedication to school and creating some very enjoyable social events over the last twelve months. You have made a real difference to the lives of children in our school.

Last year FOSMS held several community events, including a bonfire, gala and discos. Money from these will be put to the donations raised last year to provide new metal gym equipment and new benches. Through FOSMS we were able to make a link with Benson's For Beds, who kindly donated 20 ipads for children to use in school.

Moving forwards to Academic Year 2024-25. There are a number of large and small scale projects we would like support with. In the current educational climate, physical and mental health are huge priorities for both children and staff. Therefore, this year we are putting forward a number of 'wishes' which include a range of wellbeing necessities. Individual class allowances are used for enrichment activities including gardening, baking, DT, classroom storage items as well as learning resources for different year groups. By paying for the Life Education Bus visit, it means all our children will have access to quality PSHE education, helping them to make informed life choices as they grow up. We appreciate that it is not possible to purchase everything, and this list is intended to stand and be amended over the next few academic years. However, every little helps and anything from this list is really appreciated.

Wish List Items 2024-25	Approx cost
Life Education Bus PSHE resources	£750
Individual Class allowances	5 x £200 (£1000)
EYFS budget to support outside provision	£500
Subject specific enrichment workshops or visits (music, history, geography, art, DT, STEM)	£300 per subject
New outside fitness equipment to develop and support trim trail or stand-alone pieces. Starting from £1500 per piece	multi piece package price £6000 Individual pieces £500 - £1000 plus installation costs
New composite friendships bench and picnic benches	£350 -£500 each
New garden beds	£1000
Pond area development – changing to Forest School area	£5000

As previously stated, school cannot work in isolation and the support from FOSMS, parents and friends of Mellor St Mary is truly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the staff in school to all those who continue to volunteer their time, money and creative thinking to keep FOSMS alive for the benefit of all in school.

This concludes the Headteacher's reports for FOSMS 2024 Mrs J.Embley-Peers (Headteacher)