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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing, with great excitement, to give you a reminder of our plans to redevelop Mayfield's school library. The continued development of our reading provision is always at the top of our list of priorities and we have been looking at improving access for pupils to our library. The library is currently housed on the first floor of the main school building meaning our youngest pupils have to climb stairs to reach it. We are going to purchase a purpose-built building similar to the below designs to house the new library in:



We want to reposition the library outside to make it easily accessible to all of our school community.

The benefits of a stand-alone building are:

- Easy access for pupils in main school during break & lunch times
- Large enough for whole class story times
- Easier access for our younger children as there are no stairs
- Opportunities to hold parent and child story sessions

We hope this additional resource will raise the profile of reading in school and children who read for pleasure achieve better results in all subject areas.

The building will be positioned in the Rose Garden next to the main school hall, allowing children to use it during their break and lunch times to change books. This will also allow opportunities for it to be opened to the whole Mayfield community before and after school for children to change their books.

As we are celebrating 100 years of Mayfield School this year, we are naming it the Centenary Library and we have asked the PTA to help us raise funds for the interior fitting out of the library and updating of some of the books. The parents and teachers of the PTA give up their time voluntarily to provide memorable events for the children and parents, such as the Hallowe'en Disco, Christmas Fayre, Family Quiz night, Summer Garden Party and Movie Night, and we are extremely grateful for their selfless hard work to run such fun events and raise valuable funds which have helped to provide the adventure trim trail, Platinum Jubilee, Chinese New Year and Diwali Dance Workshops, Hall stage lighting and interactive whiteboards in the classrooms.

Our target is to raise £10,000 for the new library and the PTA have agreed to help by organising the following events:

- Easter colouring competition.
- Thursday 21st March, 3.30 – 5.30pm – Movie night
- Friday 17th May, 6 – 8pm – Family Quiz night – now open to any age
- Saturday 29th June, 12 – 4pm - Centenary Garden Party

We would be delighted if you are able to support as many of these events as possible.

Further details of the Movie Night and the Family Quiz night will be sent to you soon.

Another way you can help us raise funds is by signing up to the Easyfundraising website www.easyfundraising.org.uk . Every time you shop online the school can get a donation to our cause if you go via the easy fundraising website. To date, £1,864 has already been raised for the school via Easyfundraising. Next time you shop online, go onto the Easyfundraising website and either search Mayfield Preparatory School or use the link below:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mayfieldprep/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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