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We're Fundraising for New Books for Our Library!



About Us

St John's is a small school and is situated in an area of deprivation (in the highest 20% across the country). Despite the high deprivation, our school has faced enormous cuts to our budget. We have already lost six teaching assistants due to cuts and therefore, we cannot afford to spend money on much needed books.



Our Library

The school has been successful in bidding for funding through The Candlelight Trust to build a new library at the centre of our school. But we now need to raise the money to fill it with wonderful new books that will inspire a generation of children to read!

‘When children love reading and love learning, they develop hopes and aspirations which are truly powerful.’



What we will do with the money raised?

We will purchase 1500 beautiful new books. These books will be purchased through Lewisham Library Service in order to secure the best value for the money we raise. Each book will be covered and will be tagged with a bar code so that it can be scanned through our new Library Scanning System, helping us to keep track of the books and avoid loss. Each child will be issued with a new Library Card that they will be able to use both in school and at their local libraries. They will be able to order books online (e.g. by an author they are exploring in school) and then go with their family to pick them up at their local library, extending their reading experience beyond the school itself.

We hope to open our new fully stocked library in July 2018 with a special launch event to which we will invite our sponsors and the charities and organisations that have supported our project. We know that, by providing our children with wonderful works of literature, we will nurture in each of them a lifelong love of reading and improve the life chances of some of our most vulnerable.

Please donate, get involved and make a difference!

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