

Calling all parents and carers! We need your thoughts!!

As you may be aware, the PTFA is working closely with the school to raise funds for a new library space. Currently, each class has a book corner but we are looking to create a designated library space and fill it with books and resources!

The school would like this space to have a dual function and be more than just a library in school hours. All Saints' want the space to be accessible to the pupils and their parents, siblings, carers and grandparents after school.

In addition to the year's programme of events to raise funds, the PTFA are going to try their luck with an Awards for All application which could potentially bring in £10,000. These grants are fiercely competitive but we want to give it a go – you have to be in it to win it!

This funding provider is very keen that any project idea is tested and widely shared with those who will benefit from it. And this is where we need your help to maximise our chances.

Below is a draft vision and we would welcome your feedback as an idea, what it has in it and how it could be used. If the 'community strand' is going to work, we need to make sure there is a demand for it.

Draft Vision

All Saints' Infant School would like to create a warm, cosy yet vibrant space for children and their parents, carers and siblings to enjoy, learn, engage and discover.

As time becomes an increasingly pressured commodity in a life full of demands, it becomes harder to stop, play and engage with our children. All Saints' Infant School would like to create a space where families connect and learn together, without having to add another journey to their day.

This space will be open after school for one hour where parents can read with their children, play games, draw, create or just take the time to talk together before heading home. A room bursting with potential for exploration, discovery and creativity.

This will be a space:

- where parents can meet with others from their community and connect whilst children play in a safe, warm, comfortable and engaging environment.
- that fosters curiosity and learning.
- for younger siblings to gently experience a school environment .
- where children from the local preschool can visit and be introduced to their next learning environment.
- where we can welcome the wider community in to work with our children.
- we can fill with knowledge and imagination through fictional and non fictional books.
- without the distractions we have at home.
- that promotes the schools new vision of Family, Faith, Flourish.

In addition to the community strand, this funding would significantly contribute towards the development of the library space (fixtures, furnishings and resources) used by every pupil in the school during school hours, bringing in books, resources and magazine subscriptions that inspire wonderment and curiosity for all generations; our pupils, their parents and their grandparents who are increasingly taking on a childcare role in our community.

If unsuccessful, we will continue to put on events and raise money the usual way, it might just take us a little longer, but we will get there!

And now we need your opinions.

What year group is your child/ren:

Year R

Year 1

Year 2

Junior School

Would you / the grandparent / carer who does pick up use this space after school if it was available?

Yes Regularly

Yes Sometimes

Maybe

No

How would you be interested in using it?

Reading

Craft

Project work

Homework

Playing games

Talking with child/ren

Meeting with other parents / families

Other

Any other comments (things that you would like provided in this space)

Furnishings – how would you like to sit in this space?

On sofas

Table and chairs

Bean bags and floor cushions

Combination

If volunteers were required to help run this space, would you be able to offer any time (if you could bring your child/ren with you)?

No

Maybe

Yes

If yes: Once a week Once a month Just at one off events

If volunteers were required for getting this space set up would you be interested in helping (whether it be for 2 hours or 20) and if so, in what capacity?

Decorating the space

Sorting and categorising books

Database inputting

Anything else

Anything else you would like to share with us in order to refine this idea and make it work!

If we receive your feedback by **Tuesday 4th December**, we can aim to get our funding application in by the end of term and will know the outcome by Easter.

If you would like more information about our fundraising or would like to contact us please email pfachair@allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk or via the Facebook page.