



### ***Hello from the PTFA at St Andrew's East***

It hasn't been the year everyone expected but, despite the ups and downs, we are so pleased to have been able to support the school with new purchases this term.

We wanted to take a moment to give some examples of how your support has helped and say a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone that has made contributions.

### ***New playtime equipment***

At the beginning of the academic year the lunchtime staff met with Mrs Hunt to discuss logistics for playtimes. Feedback from staff had identified a need for new playtime equipment for both outdoor and indoor (wet) play (a selection of which is pictured below).



Miss Munton, Senior Lunchtime Organiser said: *"At the start of the year we were keen to do as much as we could to provide new items to keep the children busy during their time outside. All outdoor areas have now been turned into zones and we wanted to acquire enough equipment which could be easily cleaned and shared around. The children have been loving playing with it all – thank you"*.

### ***Reinforcements for Reception***

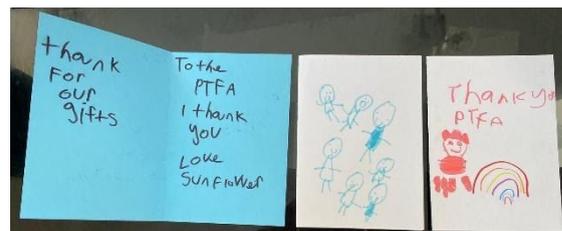
Sunflower and Daisy Classes both submitted extensive wish lists for new and exciting items for their classrooms and outdoor play areas. Sunflower Class has received new Lego toys and a Geomag construction kit. Daisy Class has been given a whole host of IKEA kitchen equipment, a wireless speaker and new dolls.

Mrs Haydon said:

*"I am so excited about the Sony speaker as it will connect to our iPads which means we will be able to play music outside. The children will then be able to dance, sing and accompany the music with instruments, which forms part of our creative curriculum."*

*"Our sand, water and playdough toys were quite limited so we wanted some new tools and measuring equipment which will support understanding of the word through exploring and using tools, mathematical development through shape, space and measures and physical development. Please thank our wonderful parents who support the school so well"*.

The PTFA were really moved to receive the cards pictured below.



Mrs Rowe said: *"The children have been very grateful for the new items the PTFA have purchased. One even said 'The PTFA are like Santa's elves'.* Thanks to those who have volunteered and all parents who have contributed".

### Stories for Swan Class

Miss Goose was keen to expand her class library with new books that would help the children explore a variety of cultures and religions. With your support we purchased 13 new books which the children have been enjoying this term.

A selection can be found below:



### How can my child's class benefit from PTFA funds?

Teachers are regularly reminded that the PTFA welcomes wish lists from all year groups throughout the academic year.

Should you have an idea you would like to put forward, please do encourage your class teacher to speak to us. We would love to hear from them!

### 2021 – What's next?

Our next meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 8pm and we are really looking forward to getting stuck into some planning for the remainder of next year.

We are very much hoping that there will be more opportunities for a greater diversity of events next Spring and Summer. Please let us know if you could spare just an hour to join us on Zoom to help plan our activities for next year. You can email us on [standrewseastptfa@gmail.com](mailto:standrewseastptfa@gmail.com)

Whilst these are some time in the future, we would like to inform you of the following dates for your diary:

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021:  
Non-uniform day
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021: Janine Warwick Family Photoshoot

### THANK YOU!

As the year draws to a close, we wish to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the PTFA this year.

We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to sharing more news with you next year.

