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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you we have purchased a computer programme called Accelerated Reading. Staff will begin their training in the Autumn Term and then pupils will begin to access the programme. This is a programme which helps staff monitor pupil independent reading practice. Pupils need 100+ keywords to access the programme. Children select a book either from the school library or the local library in Fivemiletown using the correct independent reading level and pupils read at their individual pace. When the child finishes reading a book, they take a short quiz on the computer in school. The more books your child reads the more points they achieve. This programme will support your child to develop their independent reading skills. It is also an incentive based programme which motivates pupil independent reading practice. Children will develop a true love for reading. The annual subscription is expensive and the school will need to purchase a range of books tailored to meet your child's reading level. The PTFA have kindly agreed to help the school fund this subscription, the incentive rewards and the required range of fiction and non-fiction books necessary which will benefit every child in our school.

Our School has also purchased a programme called Speech and Infant Language Link. This is a programme which screens pupils in Primary 1, 2 and 3 on their beginning language skills and if required, provides staff with a tailored intervention programme for your child. This programme develops and support pupil language in order for pupils to progress easily into Key Stage One. Again this is an annual subscription which the PTFA have kindly agreed to help fund.

The PTFA are a fantastic group of volunteers which I have had the opportunity to get to know over the past term. They are committed to raising funds which will benefit all of the pupils in Fivemiletown Primary School. The PTFA are currently organising events for the Autumn Term and I would ask you as parents to do everything you can to support our PTFA in their fundraising efforts. The first events include a Drive-Through Coffee Morning and Cake Sale and Cash for Clobber.

Kind regards,

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