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Dear Parents and carers

We are all hoping for a lot more normality during this school year. PATCH has not been able to run any of our usual events since March 2020. This means the children at the Infant and Junior schools have missed the events and activities that make school a bit more fun!

We really want to start running these events again, now many restrictions have been lifted. However, we are faced with an urgent need for parents/carers to step up and get involved. Our current committee members now have increased work commitments, which means we may not be able to organise and run a Christmas Fair. After missing so much, it would be very disappointing not to have one of our most popular and fun events of the Autumn term.

The funds PATCH raise are used to enhance learning with visitors, topic resources and towards the minibuses that are used for so much - class trips, sporting events, swimming, music clubs and more! PATCH also contributes to the Year 6 residential each year – lowering the cost for parents.



The discos that PATCH run throughout the year are always popular! The Leavers discos for Year 2 and Year 6 are free so all children can be included. PATCH have also organised the Year 6 leavers hoodies for the last 3 years – they have been very popular keepsake of their time at Primary school.

We are really thankful that we always have many parent helpers at events like discos, but we need to ask more of you. We need parents/carers to attend meetings regularly, help with organising events, making decisions and take on roles within the committee.

We meet about once a month, sometimes at one of the schools, but mostly at a local pub. The meetings are informal, we are a welcoming group of people and are open to new ideas.

We will be having a meeting on **Tuesday 28 September at 6pm** in the Junior School Hall. This will be a chance to find out more about what we do and what it means to be a part of PATCH.

We really need to see you there, without your support all the amazing experiences PATCH help to make possible will no longer happen. We do not want to give up, but we need more helping hands from the school community.

With hope, from the PATCH and Friends team