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Dear Parents

This term, the School Council have decided that they would like to raise money to purchase a defibrillator for the School and local community.

A defibrillator is a machine used to give an electric shock when a person's heart stops beating normally. This can affect people of any age and without warning. If this happens, swift action in the form of early CPR and prompt defibrillation can help save a person's life.

Research has shown that an individual's chance of survival following the onset of a cardiac arrest decreases by 7-10% for every minute of delay in commencing treatment. Early intervention by bystanders, even those with little or no first aid training, can therefore buy time until professional help arrives, improving the chance of a successful outcome. Survival rates as high as 75% have been reported where CPR and defibrillation are delivered promptly. This is why the government has advised schools to consider purchasing a defibrillator as part of their first-aid equipment.

Modern defibrillators are simple to operate and safe for users. They analyse the individual's heart rhythm and apply a shock to restart it, or advise that CPR should be continued. Voice and/or visual prompts will guide the rescuer through the entire process from when the device is first switched on or opened. These include positioning and attaching the pads, when to start or restart CPR and whether or not a shock is advised. You may have seen defibrillators in towns and villages, housed in green boxes. The closest one to us is located in Tesco, which is too far should it be required.

To raise the £650 needed to buy a defibrillator many of the teachers have decided to run an inflatable 5K/10K race. We have already started our training and will be asking for sponsorship shortly.

So that we stand out from the crowd, we would like the children to design us a t-shirt to wear on the day. It can be any colour and must have a fun sporty design on the front and back. The winning design will be made into t-shirts for us to wear.

You will also be able to purchase them for the children to wear for PE. Any money raised will go to our defibrillator appeal. The designs need to be submitted by **9:00am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr A Rogers  
Year 2 Class Teacher