

FRIENDS OF MANLAND: UPDATE

A year has passed since FOM launched the “Heart of the School” campaign and, thanks to the enormous generosity of Manland families, over £10,000 was raised to repair and refurbish the school library. This is now open and being enjoyed by children from all age groups every week.

Following Mrs Wicks’ letter on the state of the school finances in November, many families read our FOM Facts and showed their support for the school by signing up for our direct debit scheme. We are so grateful that we now have 57 of the 143 families at Manland contributing on a monthly basis. This has increased our annual income from £9,500 to almost £14,000.

We hoped to support the school with a £5,000 ‘**cost of living crisis**’ grant by the end of March, however thanks to our increased income, we are now in the position to **increase this to £7,000**. In addition, FOM donations will fund the invaluable educational subscriptions used throughout all year groups. These cost in excess of £6,000.

The reality is that the income from FOM and the HSA is making up for insufficient state funding and preventing cuts to staff and resources in the school. We are so grateful for your support.