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Dear Parents

Governor Finance Presentation/PTA AGM

In recent years the funding mechanism for schools has changed and we as a small school have been affected more than larger schools. In addition, capital funding (e.g. for school buildings) has been reduced. An ongoing challenge is managing the school's budget for the best outcomes for our children.

We are and have always been very fortunate to have a strong PTA committee working alongside all the parents to not only fundraise to provide 'extras' and curriculum enrichment but to give of their time supporting learning within school, sport, trips and running the Ascot tea tent, Ball and children's discos to name a few.....

Increasingly, the PTA has started to fund necessities of which, the school can no longer meet the cost, such as the purchase of an LED interactive whiteboard, laptops, our fibre broadband and resources for the new curriculum.

Whilst we continue to work with the Local Authority (RBWM), the Oxford Diocese and other local organisations to consider options on increasing funding levels and moving forward, we are keen for parents to have a better understanding of school finances and to explore funding opportunities that may help us in the future.

To this end, we would like to invite all parents to attend a presentation by Mr Frost (Chair of Finance) followed by a question and answer session. This will enable us to gain your views and forward plan. This will be followed the PTA AGM.

We believe this to be a very important meeting and kindly ask that one member of each family attend to hear this information first hand. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 October at 7.30pm, in the school hall – please let the office staff know who is able to attend from your family by completing the attached pro-forma.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Matt Frost
Chair, Finance Committee
On behalf of the Governing Body
Cheapside CE Primary School

Kate Searle
Headteacher
Cheapside CE Primary School

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Governor Finance Presentation/PTA AGM – Thursday, 22 October 2015

I/we (name(s)): will be attending the Governor Finance Presentation/PTA AGM on Thursday, 22 October at 7:30 pm in the school hall.

Signed:..... Dated:.....