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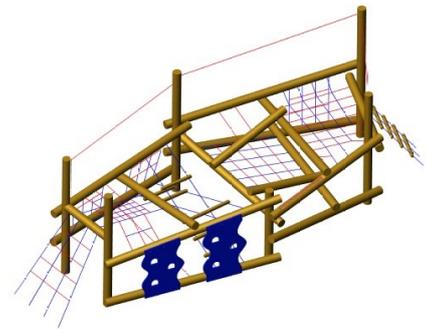
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# Governors' News

## School Fundraising

The PTA is raising money to install a **large climbing structure for the KS2 playground**. We hope to have the 'Pilsdon' frame, as shown, in place during the summer term. An additional £5,000 is still needed, so any support that you can offer for the fundraising activities is much appreciated. The Curry & Quiz night was a great success, as always, and the Christmas Raffle is proving popular. Once the current stock of Named Pavers have been installed around the school grounds, we hope to offer them again to all current and new families.



## Our Christian Values



An interesting aspect of work in school this term has been the introduction of our Christian Values and investigating references made to them in the Bible. Rev. Jo Neary is taking groups of pupils from Year 5/6 on a weekly basis for discussion around the current theme from Collective Worship and to plan how the children themselves could lead a Collective Worship session for the school. The children will investigate how these values will 'look' in school and their impact on school life. Our Christian Values are also being recognised and celebrated in Friday Celebration Assembly alongside the British Values that are displayed around school. Our Christian Values are: **Love, Hope, Peace, Endurance, Forgiveness, Humility, Compassion and Justice**

## Swimathon Success

Once again, Salway Ash supported Bridport Lions Club's annual Swimathon with a record **four teams**. One of the youngest swimmers, Sophie Howard in Year 3, was awarded the **'Best Effort' President's Cup** and our Puffa Fish Power team won **'Highest Number of Laps by a School'** with 60 laps (120 lengths) in 55 minutes. It was fantastic to see how well all the children supported and encouraged each other. As a result of our fundraising, **Lions Club has donated £400** to add books to our library and new Accelerated Reader scheme.



## Accelerated Reader Scheme



This year, to complement our wonderful **new Library** which Mrs Phillips and plenty of helpers have made into a place that the children love to go and read, we have invested in new software called the 'Accelerated Reader' scheme for our KS2 pupils. Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool for **monitoring and managing independent reading practice, motivating children to read for pleasure**. At the end of each book, the child takes a fun quiz to test their understanding of the text. The children love the instant feedback that they get and it gives teachers the information they need to monitor children's reading practice and make informed decisions to guide their future learning. In the Spring, parents will be provided with a login so that they too can follow and monitor their child's progress. At this early stage, we are delighted with the success of the scheme.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**