Wooden Hill Primary and Nursery School
Staplehurst • Wooden Hill • Bracknell • Berkshire • RG12 8DB
www.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

Tel: 01344 421117
Email: secretary@office.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

Headteacher
Mrs Joanna Lagares

10th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Non-uniform day - Computing Fundraising

On Monday 17th May, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for our school. There is no theme, children can wear whatever they like! We would like a contribution of at least £1 per child which can be paid via the school gateway (www.schoolgateway.com) . This money is being raised specifically for enhancing our computing curriculum and resources.

My vision for computing at Wooden Hill will provide children with new and immersive learning strategies and tools that nurture a growth mindset in all pupils, while emphasising future-ready skills to help them in jobs not invented yet!

This is where I need your help. I want to invest our money in two things: Bee-Bots and Minecraft Education Edition.

Bee-Bots are designed specifically as a starting point for teaching control, directional language and programming. These are an interactive resource that can be accessed by all! These will be key to enhance our curriculum coverage and improve oracy skills amongst our youngest pupils. Unfortunately, one set of 6 currently costs £335.64 (inc VAT). Ideally, for one class to use these effectively we would need two sets.

Minecraft Education is a fantastic opportunity for pupils of all ages, too. They promote critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills and creativity. Children will be able to access a personalised instruction platform, in school and at home – this has been proven to impact academic performance by 98%! Additionally, it helps us promote a positive gaming environment with plenty of safety measures in place. There is so much evidence around the benefits of Minecraft Education, but I won't bore you with it all yet. Again, unfortunately, this will cost us £4 per child. Therefore, for all children in years 1 to 6 to be able to have an account that can be used both at school and home, will cost £1,200.

I hope that your contributions, no matter how small, can help us make a huge step towards a providing our children with as many fantastic learning opportunities!

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

SBolton

Sarah Bolton
Computing Lead and Year Five Teacher

LEARNING, Growing & Achieving Together