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Dear Parent

Who are we and what do we do?

We are a small friendly group who meet once or twice a term to organise a small number of activities/events to raise extra funds for the school. Our meetings take place in the evening and only last about an hour. During our meetings we will talk about previous fundraising activities that have taken place, discuss plans for future activities and also have a chat and a laugh!

Previous fundraising events the Friends of Rushcombe have organised are the self-portrait tea towels sold last year, the annual Mother's Day Daffodils sale and Fashion Shows. We are also involved in helping with the Summer Fair; we organise prizes for the raffle and help out with setting up, and running some of the stalls. Our fundraising has contributed to the purchase of the school adventure playground, the staging area used for the school shows and IT equipment!

What's coming up?

- **Christmas Cards:** For our Christmas fundraiser the children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards. Each child's design will be sent home this week and parents will have the opportunity to order packs of their children's design in time for Christmas. These would be ideal for children to send to their family and relatives.
- **Second-hand Uniform sale:** Our newest idea! We would like to sell good condition second hand uniform on various dates throughout the year (dates to be confirmed). If anyone has any good condition used Rushcombe uniform (e.g. jumpers, PE kit, dresses, trousers, polo shirts with the Rushcombe logo etc.) they would like to donate, please drop off to the school office where they will be gratefully received!

How can I get involved?

Firstly, we would love to see any new members at our committee meetings. If you would like to be part of the committee please speak to the School Office. Please also keep an eye on the newsletter for our meeting date in the spring term.

As you start your Christmas shopping, or even book next year's holiday, you can support the school when you shop online. Set up a free account with www.easyfundraising.org.uk, mention "Friends of Rushcombe-Corfe Mullen" as your cause and the school will get a donation for every purchase made (at no extra cost to you!). There are over 3,200 retailers online that participate.

In the future, we will also need help from lots of parents during the Summer Fair, whether it's helping to set up before the event or helping to run a stall. Even if you can only spare half an hour on the day, all help is greatly appreciated!

Yours sincerely

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