



Dear Parents and Friends

We are pleased to announce that the PFA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for St Joseph's.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising funds, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School donation bags will be available from the 5th November and we will notify you through Class Dojo how you can collect you bag and when and where to return it. Filled bags will be collected on Mon 9th December.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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Chair PFA