



Headteacher Katie Turner with pupils from Chilton Foliat Primary School fundraising

Children grow cash for new clubhouse

CHILTON Foliat Primary School is working in partnership with a new community charity, the Chilton Foliat Community Association, which has launched a fundraising campaign to raise £85,000 to build a multi-purpose building, to house both a new classroom and a new community clubhouse.

While government funding

has been secured to build the new classroom portion of the project, a further £85,000 is needed to fund the clubhouse.

Children at the school kicked off their fundraising efforts with a 'Grow Your Fiver' initiative where each child received £5 that they were encouraged to 'grow'. Designed to inspire entrepreneurship, the children hosted

cake sales and made crafts to sell at their pop up shop. Their collective profits came to more than £1,000, demonstrating an extraordinary effort and the huge support for the community project.

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£85,000 fundraiser for new building at primary

Chilton Foliat wants construction to start next month on classroom and clubhouse

YOUNG entrepreneurs at Chilton Foliat Primary School are racing against the clock to raise funds for a new classroom and community clubhouse.

Government funding has been secured for the classroom part of the project - but a further £85,000 is needed to fund the clubhouse.

Saving cash by building both elements together is essential. However, the Government's funding timeline requires building work to start next month.

Consequently, the school is working hard to address the funding gap.

Pupils were given £5 each that they were encouraged to 'grow' by hosting cake sales and making crafts to sell at their 'Grow A Fiver Pop-Up Shop'.

Their collective profits came to more than £1,000. The rest of the fundraising is being run by the newly-formed Chilton Foliat Community Association and Greenham Trust has awarded match-funding - which means that every £1 donated via The Good Exchange will be



Headteacher Katie Turner with pupils at the Grow A Fiver Pop-Up Shop

matched with £1 from the trust, up to a maximum of £20,000.

Headteacher, Katie Turner, who joined the school in September,

said: "It's an exciting time at Chilton Foliat Primary School. The enthusiasm from both the school and village community is infectious and we are hugely optimistic that we will reach our £85,000 target, creating a fabulous building to benefit all our children and the wider local community and continuing to build on our already positive relationships."

The new building will be designed to provide the school with a fit-for-purpose classroom, creating the space required to meet the learning needs of the school's older children.

It will also contain a community clubhouse for Chilton Club, Chiltoncare, enabling the continued provision of the Early Birds Club, After School Club and Holiday Club working parents across the area.

Previously, these clubs operated out of a well-used mobile classroom, due to be demolished and replaced with the new wood clad structure.

If you wish make a donation to the Chilton Foliat Community Association to support the project, visit The Good Exchange or email chiltonfoliat@pedzess@gmail.com for more information.