



Autumn 2020

Soaring into our second year

Wings to Fly was established in the Spring of 2019 and, whilst we have made various announcements about what we have been doing, we thought that now would be a good time for us to give you a brief update on our achievements since then.

Thousands raised for families during Covid

Since September last year we have made 14 grant applications for projects ranging in amounts from £500 to £10,000. We have been successful with 4 of them: A £4,000 grant from the Southover Manor Trust for books for the school; £500 from Tesco for help with buying tablets (for loaning out to pupils without access to digital devices) for home learning during the first Covid lockdown; Two grants from the Sussex Community Fund, totalling £8,855, for the provision of Talkspace (a vital support for the children and their families during this difficult time). We are extremely grateful to each and every organisation for their invaluable support.

Encouraging super-readers

Three times a year Wings to Fly give a £5 book voucher to one pupil from each Year Group who, in their teacher's opinion, has shown an improvement in their reading.

Looking ahead

Our objectives as a charity are to:

- advance the education and welfare of the pupils & staff of St Mark's
- assist in the provision of facilities, opportunities or items for education at the school (which are not provided from statutory funds)
- to work with the local community

We consult closely with Mrs Stow on what the school's immediate and future requirements are. We are currently preparing a grant application for the

Generous donation from local business

What we find really heart-warming is the independent donations we receive from our local philanthropic community members and businesses. Earlier this month we received a £5,000 donation from a local company for which we have exciting plans and will let you know more when all is confirmed.

Every little helps

In addition to the grants, donations from individuals are a fundamental part of Wings To Fly. Be it small or large, they make an enormous contribution towards everything we hope and aim to achieve for St. Mark's and give us the best chance of achieving more grants (by demonstrating that we have a sustainable income). Thanks to contributions from parents, carers and local community members, we have raised (with gift-aid) over £750.

Please consider making a donation to help support our St Mark's community.

You can find details about how to do this under the 'Donate' banner on our website (wingstofly.org.uk). We love and enjoy the challenge of finding imaginative ways in which to support and help the pupils & staff of St Mark's and, as always, appreciate any ideas you may have in helping us to do this.

And we're live!

Along with establishing the policies and legal requirements that are necessary when setting up a charity, we've also created a website. It is here you can find out more about us and keep up to date on our latest news: