

Dear Whitchurch Parents,

I have been coming into your school since - well nearly the dark ages - at least the 1990s when the present headmaster of Mityana Junior school was newly appointed. He went on to two other schools before returning to Mityana Junior. His Name is Wilberforce Sseguya.

Mityana Junior and Whitchurch Primary have been linked since then. A number of teachers have had exchange visits and they know about the link as your children do.

This year the numbers rose astoundingly. Until 2019 the school had attendances ranging from 300 – 600 but last year they rose to over 1000 and Wilberforce had to create shift patterns for desk use, all the staff lost their desks and tables, the staffroom went and the school hall became two classrooms back to back with a curtain style divide between the two, with children sitting on the concrete floor. To help them in their desperate state I have asked Mrs Stevens if the children could help us raise some money for some more desks.

Here's a picture and these can seat 4 small children. They cost between £30 – 40



Can I make a request please?

The school is suggesting that your children might like to do a couple of jobs at home and bring £2 into school at a donation to the fund raising. Please do give them a job or jobs worth £2 - like unstacking the dishwasher not just one day but Monday – Friday. Or hoovering out the inside of the car, something that they have to work for. I am not meaning to sound hard but the kids at Mityana Junior have to help so much at home it will be good for ours to know they have done something worth £2. Thank you.

Oh, one more thing... some time ago Miss Haighton organised a fundraiser for new latrines. They were so, so happy here's a picture of the new one I visited and used - no pan and seat just a hole in the ground! I won't describe the smell of the old one!



And here's the one it replaced!



With very many thanks to you all

Dodie