Dear Jane,

I am writing to apply for a grant from the parish council for FANS (Friends at Newton St Cyres School) to provide a form of sun shade within the playground at Newton St Cyres primary school. My apologies for the lateness of the application.

FANS support Newton St Cyres primary school by raising funds for equipment and facilities that are not achieved from the statutory school funding. We also aim to enhance the day-to-day experience of all children in the school by putting on activities and events throughout the year. FANS have been involved with the school for a great number of years and most recently have been fundraising to provide some outdoor play equipment. We are currently registered as a charity with the HRMC, number ZD02399, and are in the process of applying for full charity status.

The children at the school do not have any form of shade within their playground to protect them during sunny weather. Although parents and teachers apply sun cream and provide sun hats it is felt that a shaded area to give extra protection and a place to relax is essential. We would like to apply for £1,000 to put towards the purchase of some sun shade equipment.

We feel that Newton St Cyres School is a valuable asset to the community. It aims to engage with the village and encourage the generations to mix, including inviting the residents to an annual Christmas lunch, providing harvest boxes and attending church services. The school also host an independent community toddler group on Wednesday mornings in their school hall who would also gain benefit from the sun shade during the summer.

The school is part of the Exe Valley Federation group which includes the village schools from Brampford Speke, Thorverton, Silverton and Cheriton Fitzpaine. The Federation works to provide education and share learning across this wider community.

FANS also support the community through providing a cake stand at Quickes Open Farm Sunday, running an activity at the Revels, supporting the village Bingo as well as attending and supporting this years community groups event. We are also looking at how we can engage with the community more and involve them with our events.

Please find attached a copy of our annual treasurers report. Our accounts are audited each year and this years are currently in this process. We would be grateful for you to note that the current year accounts reflect the monies needed for our contribution to the outdoor play equipment. Our constitution is in the process of being updated which I will forward in the next day or two. I hope this is acceptable. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

We hope you will look upon our application favourably and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Christy Thurlow
FANS Committee Member