

Currently, FOBS main aim is to raise enough money to provide invaluable sun shelters and sail shades around the school to give our children some protection when learning, playing, and eating outside. Our first priority will be to provide sail shades across the courtyard area where the children sit and eat their lunch. This is a very exposed area and can be extremely hot in the summer months. We would like to provide sail shades on the playgrounds and to provide a permanent shelter structure across the front of the school. This would enable those classrooms to be extended out when the weather is warm, and can be used by parents waiting for their children during the cold, wet, wintery months too!

However, these items are expensive so we need your help to raise as much money as we can. The school is fully supportive of our plans and is actively seeking external grant funding which will help us towards our goal.

### **Why do we feel this is so important?**

Cornwall has the highest level of UV (ultraviolet) in the UK and the highest skin cancer rate in the country. In some areas of Cornwall, children and adults can be burned in under 10 minutes due to high levels of UV radiation. These times are generally between 11am and 3pm, and primarily between the months of May – September. A major cause of skin cancer is over exposure to the sun during adolescence and childhood years. Malignant melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer and the numbers have been rising faster than any other common cancer with almost a third of all cases occurring in the under 50's – and the sad thing is, this cancer can be preventable by being sun safe.

Please see the "Sun Safe Information Sheet" for more information.

### **Our fundraising achievements have included:**

- Inside/Outside play area for Foundation Year classes.
- Safety equipment and funds towards the kit cars
- Digital cameras for all classes
- Stage in hall
- In 2010 FOBS contributed £7000 towards the new Adventure Playground
- New resources for Learning Together
- Contribution to the science department for the school chickens and ducks
- New mobile PA system

Several years ago, Jean Hawkin made an extremely kind donation to the school. Each year, in remembrance of Jean Hawkin who gave a great deal of her time to support the school, FOBS matches this donation which contributes towards the excellent outdoor education programme.