



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to provide you with an update to the **Enrichment Fund** that we received last academic year. The total donated was **£3400**, which is fantastic, and we are so grateful for everyone who has contributed.

Our main goal last year was to enhance the School Library. I am pleased to say that the ceiling, lights, skylights, painting and carpet works have all been completed. The majority of this money came from our Capital fund, which is only allowed for building improvements or IT infrastructure (a reminder that we also had a whole school Wifi upgrade last year too from this funding stream). We are very thankful to Mr Dunford for giving up his time and completing the painting of the library area in the summer term.

This Enrichment fund means that we will be able to buy much needed suitable seating and tables for the environment and pay for a mural to be painted on the end wall. Many of the shelving units we have can be reused. Across the year, we received many wonderful book donations through parents, the PA and our book fair, which will all be placed into the library when we complete the final organisation. We are aiming for after October half term.

The aim for our library, once we complete this is to:

- promote reading for pleasure for all children
- enable research skills
- provide a wide range of books for all ages
- support and enhance the school's curriculum
- provide a further teaching and learning space within school

Our main project for 2024/25 Academic year are to raise funds to:

- Buy new interactive boards for the library and Sunshine room.

Last year the Enrichment Fund contributions came from approximately half of our families. We know how generous our families are and it would be incredible if every family was able to make donation. It is a total of £60 per family, not per child for families within Years 1-6). This amount will appear on your ParentPay account under the eldest child's name as £60, enabling you to pay in one go or to pay £20 termly, or even to make a £5 monthly contribution.

Our other income stream is the **Foundation Stage Fund** – where all families contribute to this to help to replenish perishable items and buy cooking materials for the children to learn with within Nursery and Reception. If you have not paid for this yet, please can you go onto ParentPay and make this contribution so that we can continue to provide the best experiences for your children.

It has been brought to my attention that we still have families who have a Direct Debit set up for the School Building Fund. This was an historical funding stream, linked to Diocesan projects and these donations go directly to the school bank account. We are requesting for you to **cancel the Direct Debit to the School Building Fund** and switch to making your donations to the Enrichment Fund via ParentPay. We are unable to cancel the Direct Debit on your behalf.





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For transparency, within our current budget, priority of spend is having to be put into Health & Safety matters, which are out of our control e.g. tree surveys, tree cutting, repairing cooking appliances within the kitchen, leaking pipework (requiring a shutdown of the entire water system) and recently identifying some subsidence (within the building by the boiler room). These are all extremely costly and requiring specialists to come in, generate reports and then action. Carrying out these works will ensure we can keep the school open to our children. It is however having a significant impact on our finances and these works do not include the planned maintenance that have been budgeted for, which are also essential.

All money generated from the Enrichment Fund will go directly to school, with our main focus in buying two new interactive boards in which all children will benefit. Any extra funds received will help to subsidise trips, visitors or resources to enhance the learning environments for our children and continue to improve the quality of education at St Augustine's. We thank you all in advance for **any contributions** that you can make.

Kind Regards

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