



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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in friendship with Jesus**

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

School Finances

As a school we continually strive to provide high quality education in a safe and secure environment. Funding for schools is limited and with a low birth rate in the Borough, it means that our Reception class is not full for September. This is the case for many schools. For us, as a one form entry school, it will have a huge financial impact and we really require as much help and assistance from our families as possible.

Whilst the school does require additional funds to ensure we can continue to provide the necessary resources and equipment, I do appreciate that for some families, it may be difficult to make the requested contributions. We are very grateful for any help and support you may be able to offer at this stage, even so close to the end of term.

Nursery provision

Due to lower numbers in our Nursery unit too, we have had approval from the MAC to offer a limited number of part-time places for Nursery, from September 2024. This will be a morning only 15-hour provision 8:45am – 11:45am.

If you are a family within our school, who would like to avail of the offer, [please complete the link](#). The places are offered on a first come, first served basis, unless we have an over subscription and then it will be allocated linked to the Nursery Admissions Criteria. The advert to apply will be placed onto social media later today.

The closing date for expressing an interest is **11am on Thursday 18th July**. We appreciate this is a short turn around, but this approval was only made yesterday afternoon and we want to ensure families have a plan in place for their child for September, before the summer holidays begin.

Foundation Stage Fund/ Enrichment Fund (both can be paid via Parent Pay)

Financial support is requested in all year groups. In Nursery and Reception this fund is called the 'Foundation Stage Fund' with an annual charge of £55 per child (one-off contribution) or an option to pay termly (£20 x 3 = £60). These funds enhance the learning experience for the children in Foundation Stage and are used to purchase resources, many of which are expendable items e.g. play doh, cooking ingredients, paints etc. as well as funding some of the educational experiences within school.

For families with children in Years 1 – 6 this fund is known as 'Enrichment Fund'. The suggestion is £60 per family, per year. ParentPay will be set up as a reducing balance per family, so there is an option to make a contribution each month for £5, termly for £20 or annually for £60. This fund has contributed towards our online subscriptions for the children such as Timetables Rockstars, Charanga, Mymaths, Spag.com, SpellingFrame etc. Part of the income generated this year will go towards the continued refurbishment of the library.

Please can you log into your ParentPay account and clear outstanding debts before the end of term along with any voluntary contribution you can make towards the Enrichment Fund. The link to access ParentPay is below.

[ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#)



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School Building Capital Fund

All schools receive capital funding each year, which is linked to pupil numbers and is kept within a central pot by the MAC. This year we have spent our funding on upgrading the wifi network and purchasing new outdoor storage for Foundation Stage. The money for 2024/25 will go towards the carpet replacement in the library and Caterpillar room.

Parents' Association

Our Parent's Association have organised a range of events across the year to help raise money for the school. Events include the Christmas cards project, school disco, visits from Santa, tea/coffee for Sports day and non-uniform days. They have also received a donation of a bundle of fantastic new books for the library, for all age groups to enjoy. We are very appreciative of all that the PA have done this year and with approximately £3,000 raised to date, this will be put towards the upgrade to the library.

The fundraising plans of the PA cannot be left to a small group of parents. If you are able to support the PA, please attend the AGM in the new academic year, so that ideas can be planned across the year. We know so many volunteer on the day to support an event, but more parents are required to help coordinate and plan events.

If you would like any further information regarding funding or how funds are utilised, please feel free to speak to me directly.

Yours sincerely

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