

Fundraising at Christ Church Primary School



This is our newsletter dedicated to informing you about how we are doing with our fundraising initiatives in the school.

As you will know from the letter we sent out last March, setting a balanced budget in a one form entry school is increasingly difficult. Sharing the cost of our senior leaders with Holy Trinity does help, but is not the whole answer to our financial difficulties. We have suffered from substantial cuts already and are looking to have our additional learning needs budget cut by another £30,000 in April which is a total of £70,000 over the last two years. We are constantly striving to raise additional funds for the school as the government money only covers salaries for the key essential staff.



We are absolutely determined to give the children the very best education in the widest sense. Excellent literacy and numeracy teaching and learning is our first priority but the arts and the wider curriculum is also of the utmost importance in terms of children developing as happy, confident and successful children. All of these aspects of school life have a cost attached.

Please read this newsletter to understand better how our school is funded.

Recent Events

The one-off fundraisers that we have in school, organised by parents, are fantastic as they pay for targeted development projects needed in the school.

The Promises Auction is the biggest fundraiser that the school has and the auction last March raised an incredible £30,000 that has funded ongoing artist in residence visits to classes and a total redevelopment of the computer suite with 30 new boards and a new smart screen for teachers to use.



The Cycling Trip to Amsterdam with 16 intrepid parents and friends of the school who cycled (and their supporters) raised £16,000 for further funds for the outdoor classrooms that can be used for creative play during playtimes and also for art, design and technology lessons.

The Elf Auction to raise money for the Reception Class outdoor resources went online this year which meant that many of the auction lots were won by a wider reach of friends of the school. Not just parents. Some parents were super generous and made contributions to this fundraiser without even placing bids on auction items. We raised a total of £1,900 with this auction.



Christmas Fundraising this time of year always brings a range of fundraising activities, we sell tea towels, cards and Christmas trees. We made over £1,000 with these individual projects.



The refurbished computer suite

Each of our pop up cafés made more than £200 profit and all of the wine was donated to the school for the mulled wine that we all enjoyed!



The London to Amsterdam Cyclists

More Recent Events

The Christmas Fair is a shared event between the school and the church and is a lovely time for the community to come together. We share the funds between the school and the church. The school raised £2623.44.

An amazing contribution to our fundraising came from the "Absolutely Best" Christmas Fair at Chelsea Town Hall last year where a proportion of entrance takings were donated to the school thanks to parent Natalia Rawley. This led to us receiving an amazing £3,000!



Hall of Remembrance Trustees and Local Residents and Friends of the School

The Hall of Remembrance Trustees regularly agree to fund individual projects undertaken by the school.

Individual children who are felt to be in great need are funded to access educational experiences that they would not otherwise have. All residential trips are heavily subsidised by funds that come each year. All development work, including the new school film, was paid for by the trustees.

There is also a number of generous local residents who also donate invaluable funds to the school. One ex-pupil even donates funds for one of our families to use breakfast club every day!

Lettings

We raise much of our additional funds through lettings. The school hall and playground are very busy out of hours earning us money!

Standing Orders

Families giving regularly is unbelievably valuable to the school as it means we can plan ahead to commit these funds year on year to pay for specialist teachers, tutors, educational visits and visitors.

The committed monthly standing orders range from **£1.50** a month to **£400** a month.

Families give as they see fit and as they can afford. All amounts make a real difference to what the school is able to provide for the children.

If you do not already contribute regularly please consider whether this is something you could commit to. Please also try to reassess your contribution when a new sibling starts at Christ Church. Any amount would be hugely appreciated and it is totally anonymous. Only the Finance Officer and Mrs Hawkins have access to this information.

Did you know that, for every standing order donation, the school receives 25% extra if the contribution is gift-aided? Please enquire in the office for more information.

Easy way to make a one-off donation to the school fund via Pay+

This function allows you to make a donation to the school fund which is used towards the enrichment programme, enabling our children to enjoy experiences outside of the national curriculum such as gymnastics, dance and gardening sessions. We have set the amount at £500 so as to allow people to make a contribution of any amount up to £500.

This is by no means compulsory and just provides a simple portal for you to make voluntary contributions to the school fund should you wish to do so. **This area can also be used for those many of you who very kindly donate to the school meals by way of paying for your child on Universal Free School Meals, YR, Y1 and Y2.**

Families that are currently giving

Reception Class	17 families out of 30
Year 1	21 families out of 29
Year 2	24 out of 30
Year 3	19 out of 30
Year 4	21 out of 30
Year 5	14 out of 30
Year 6	16 out of 30

Funding for Our School

Once a parent, who read the DFE financial information, said that they did not understand why we struggle with funding the school when actually it looks as if we are relatively well funded. The problem with this DFE information is that it takes no account of the 16 children we have with significant needs who need full time support in order to access the curriculum. Money for these children comes into the school but then goes directly out to the salaries of the staff who support these children. In a small school this gives an extremely skewed picture of our finances.

The school is poorly funded for two simple reasons:

1. The small size of the school means that many of the costs of the school are the same as a school much bigger, i.e. admin costs, buildings' costs, IT memberships and costs, internet connections etc. Our funding depends on the number of children we have (we are given a set amount per pupil), not the overall costs of running a school. Small is beautiful as we all know, but it is very expensive! There are some savings that we have made through sharing staff with Holy Trinity but this does not help with premises costs.
2. As Christ Church has become a more and more sought-after school the make-up of the school has changed significantly. This change in our make-up has had an adverse effect on our funding from the government. We now have very few children who qualify for Pupil Premium (currently 11 children - 6% of our school community). School funding has dramatically changed over the last three years: Funding for individual children has been dramatically cut while Pupil Premium, money targeted for children who qualify for free school meals, is a significant part of school funding (last academic year it was £1,320 per child). **As a result, last year we had £98,000 less in our budget than the two schools nearest to us who have the same amount of children.** It seems we are a victim of our own success.

How Our School is Funded

We are delegated funds from the government to run the school. This main school fund pays for the salaries of class teachers, the admin staff and the leadership team. Unfortunately it does not cover many of the things that we hold dear for our children's education such as specialist teachers and specialist, quality resources for the children.

What specialist teaching do we currently offer?

Dance on Thursday mornings with Miss Lehmann; two days of whole class and group music lessons and assemblies Mr Dollard and Mr Morley; one day a week of gardening for all classes with Mr Golightly; swimming tuition for all classes Year 3 and above; P.E. tuition for all children with Mr Henwood and Mr Bournous; Spanish teaching with Ms Manresa and drama for all classes on Fridays with Mr Tolley. It is hard to put a price on what these specialists bring to the children's experience and their achievement.

Much of this learning is life long and the development of their possible aptitudes is clear. None of this is Government funded or expected as part of the National Curriculum.

However, the breadth of our curriculum, clearly contributes to our extremely long waiting list and repeated excellent Ofsted judgments and Artsmark Gold accreditation.



Fundraising for Others

It is really important that we as a school develop in our children a sense of the importance of giving to others and raising funds for important causes. We have a program of regular fundraising and events for families and children to support. Here are some of the recent events that we have been involved with.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We started the year with a morning coffee and cake sale which raised £376.32 for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Children in Need

We had a great time raising money for children in need with a disco and dressing up in bright and spotty clothes as well as having a fun lucky dip after school. We raised £333.82 for Children in Need.

Christmas Jumper Day and our Christingle Service

We all got into the Christmas spirit by having a really special Christingle Service raising £896 for the Children's Society and then our Christmas Jumper Day raised £100 for the Save the Children Charity.



What a generous group of children and families we have.
Uniform recycling for the refugee centre in Calais

When we changed our school logo and some of our uniform in September we had spare good quality uniform to recycle. Amelia Mavor and other parents collected and washed uniform from both schools and then we raised the money with a cake and uniform sale to pay for it to be shipped to Calais.

Volunteers

We have a whole army of volunteers who help our children. They are parents, local residents and friends of the school. They help by sharing their expertise - be it in boilers, art, sport or sewing. Over Christmas some parents helped to paint the school hall and corridors - it looks amazing!

Many help as reading volunteers too. This really makes a huge difference to individuals, classes and the school as a whole. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Mrs Nelson at cnelson@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk.

Thank You

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the many different ways in which you support our school with your time, money and open hearts.





Dear Christ Church Parents,

Continuing to give to Christ Church School by **Standing Order**

Mrs. Hawkins and the staff at Christ Church continue to work against a backdrop of further annual budget cuts. This year Christ Church will have lost £58,000 from the main budget. Some of this is SEN funding, but this money also paid for additional teaching support and teaching assistants.

As before, we need to appeal to those who are new to the school to consider giving regularly by Standing Order. And we to continue to appeal to existing parents, especially those who may have had a sibling join, asking them to reconsider their regular giving.

Money raised by Standing Order creates a more stable funding platform for the school and provides for the many enhancement activities our children enjoy at Christ Church. Each year, we need to raise **>£1,000 per child** to sustain the current level of enhancement and support.

Current giving ranges from £3-£250/month, per child. While we recognise that regular giving may not be an option for a few families, we urge you to give at a level that is sustainable and comfortable. **Every** regular donation, of **any** size is gratefully received and, as Mrs Hawkins' fundraising newsletter shows, the money is carefully spent. A Standing Order form is attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

The Parent Fundraising Committee



STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please complete your details wherever there is a white box, in capital letters, and return this to the school office, thank you).

To the Manager of bank

Address of your bank or building society, **include post code**

Start date

The sum of £ and thereafter every of the month until you receive notice in writing.

Please quote reference (CHILD's NAME)

The name on my/our account is

The account number is

The sort code is - -

Signature(s)

Date

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY, DO NOT WRITE IN HERE.

School Account Details:

Please pay	CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL	
Sort Code	50-30-10	Account no. 03390454
Account title	RBK&C RE CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT	



GIFT AID DECLARATION

Gift Aid allows us to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by the donor. This means we can claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter and at completely no extra cost to you.

First Name

Surname

Address

Post Code

I would like Christ Church School to treat all donations that I make to the school as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

(You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the school reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year)

Signature & Date

Notes

1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying Christ Church School.
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax the School reclaims you can cancel this declaration.
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief please ask the school or refer to help sheet IR64 on the HMRC website.

Please notify the school if you change your name or address.