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# Fundraising at Holy Trinity

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 previous letters I have sent when I was the Holy Trinity Executive Head Teacher, setting a balanced budget in a one form entry school is increasingly difficult.

Sharing the cost of our senior leaders with Christ Church since we federated has helped to allow us to have a very experienced team lead the school. However we still have ongoing 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. Since being on the leadership team I have constantly strived to raise additional funds for the school as the government money only covers salaries for the key essential staff. We have secured a number of building grants to improve the school buildings I work very closely with the RBKC Finance Team to see where we may be able to find grants to help us afford all that we want to do for the children. 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 upmost 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.

With best wishes, Mrs Hawkins

## Recent Events

### Premises Improvements so far (there are lots more to come!)

We won bids to fund the improvements to the school that have meant we could improve the entrances to both school buildings and we have made two really great intervention rooms in Cadogan Gardens, one that we are currently using as a nursery for our youngest children.

We also have 2 indoor play spaces in Sedding Street now, one will be a really wonderful outdoor classroom



later this term. Have you also seen our lovely new library that is taking shape in Sedding Street?

The computer suite with a computer for every child was paid for with funds raised through a bid to the Church of England too.

We have put in a bid to fund the costs of our new website and also secured funding to pay for a start up uniform for all children at Holy Trinity in September.

### Mrs Hawkins is getting very good at writing bids!

**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 fantastic total of £852 with this auction.



**Christmas Fundraising:** Christmas always brings a range of fundraising activities. The children designed and sold Christmas cards. We created school portrait tea towels to sell, which are still on sale now. If you would like to buy tea towels, please go to one of the offices.

**The Christmas Fair** is a shared event between the school and the church and is a lovely time for the community to come together. In total we made £2660, which will be split between school and church



## Lettings

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

Did you know that we let the school out to Japanese School, First Class Learning, Chelsea Children’s Therapy and Garden House Nursey.

These funds helps us to subsidise the many school trips and artists that the children now regularly experience in every class.



## 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 **£4** a month to **£300** a month.

Families that are currently giving	
Reception Class	3 families out of 33
Year 1	0 families out of 26
Year 2	4 families out of 21
Year 3	1 family out of 30
Year 4	3 families out of 28
Year 5	2 families out of 29
Year 6	0 families out of 21

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 Holy Trinity. Any amount would be hugely appreciated and it is totally anonymous. Only the Finance Manager and Mrs Hawkins have access to this information.

## Funding for Our School

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If you were to read the DFE financial information, you may think 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 Christ Church but this does not help with premises costs.
2. Holy Trinity is looking to become a very popular school but it has been through a difficult time recently. This has led to the classes not being completely full and there not being a waiting list for classes if children leave. Schools are funded by how many children there are in the school in the financial year before the current one so next year (in April) our funds will only be for the number of children that were in the school last year. That means that we will be short of £98,000 in comparison with if the school had been full. In the long term we are confident this will not be a problem as we have a waiting list for our Reception Class and there are a massive number of applications for next year's Reception Class which is great news.

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## How is Our School 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 quality resources for the children.

### ***What specialist teaching do we currently offer?***

Dance on Friday mornings with Miss Lehmann; two days of whole class and group music lessons and assemblies with Mr Dollard and Mr Morley; one day a week of gardening for all classes with Miss Jo; P.E. tuition for all children with Mr Henwood and Mr Bournous; Spanish teaching with Ms Manresa and drama for all classes on Thursdays 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 the children learning and achieving well in school since September.



## Fundraising for others

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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 have happened so far this year.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

We started the year with a morning coffee and cake sale which raised £184 for MacMillan Cancer Care



### Children in Need

We had a great time raising money for children in need with dressing up in bright and spotty clothes as well as having a fun lucky dip after school. We raised £223.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We all got into the Christmas spirit by having a really special Christmas Jumper Day that raised £91.80 for the Save the Children charity.



### Give A Child A Lunch

Amelia in Year 6 and her brother Kaeden in Year 4 raised money for their charity "Give A Free Lunch" by selling advent calendars to the school community.

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.



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## Volunteers

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We are very keen to have volunteers to help our children. We already have some who are parents, local residents and friends of the school but we would like many more. Volunteers can help by sharing their expertise -be it in boilers, art, sport or sewing.

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 Verity at

dverity@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk.

### Thank You

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***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.***

**[www.ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](http://www.ccht.rbkc.sch.uk)**



Dear Holy Trinity Parents,

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Supporting your school by **Standing Order**

Mrs. Hawkins and the staff and governors at CCHT have made an energetic start to the Federation between Holy Trinity and Christ Church. They have invested heavily in offering our children the richest possible curriculum and experience: the same provision that Christ Church children receive. We hope you and your children see and feel these benefits today.

Maintaining this level of support and enhancement for our children is costly and we would like to ask for your support in meeting those costs.

Several parents at Holy Trinity already generously contribute to the school regularly and we raise a further welcome contribution through some of our community events.

Money raised by Standing Order, however, creates a more stable funding platform for the school and allows Senior Management to budget more efficiently. It also raises further money through Gift Aid.

While we recognise that regular giving may not be an option for some families, we urge you to consider regular giving to Holy Trinity by Standing Order at a level that is sustainable and comfortable to you. Whether you can give £3 or £50 per month, **every** regular donation, of **any** size is gratefully received and, as Mrs Hawkins' fundraising newsletter shows, the money is carefully spent.

Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

The Parent Fundraising Committee

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

**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:**

<b>Please pay</b>	<b>HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL</b>		
<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>30-97-71</b>	<b>Account no.</b>	<b>00013917</b>
<b>Account title</b>	<b>THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL</b>		



**Gift Aid Declaration:**

I would like Holy Trinity CE School to reclaim tax on any donations to the I pay to Holy Trinity CE School, whilst my child is a pupil at the school.

I confirm that I pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax which as least equals the amount to be reclaimed (currently 20p for every £1 that I have enclosed).

Child's / Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parents' Full Name (Please PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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