

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School,

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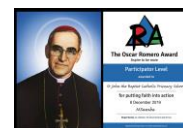
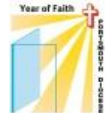
Dear Parents,

### SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

As we are a Catholic school, we do not receive the same full capital funding from the government as other maintained schools. This means we, as a school, have to pay 10% of all capital expenditure. As the Governing Body has no revenue of its' own, parents are asked for a donation of **£12 per term per child, every year**, which is held in the School Building Fund Account, to enable us to meet this 10% commitment when maintaining and improving the school building and grounds.

We are very grateful to parents, past and present, for their generous donations. Improvements that have been possible as a result of these donations include:

- Improved vehicle and pedestrian access including electric gates and buzzer system to increase security
  - Serenity Room – providing accommodation for the Breakfast club as well as capacity for higher quality worship and Benediction, parent meetings, cooking/dance/music lessons, after-school clubs and intervention groups
  - Levelling and resurfacing the playgrounds, including the markings which enhance playtimes and PE lessons and encourage active play
  - Care suite – improvements to our accessibility through the availability of a shower, hoist and adjustable changing table
  - Perimeter Fencing – the large, green fences and gates replaced much smaller, less secure wire fencing. This has ensured our grounds, buildings and children are secure and safe throughout the school day and has reduced vandalism
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- New kitchen ventilation – ensuring we comply with Health and Safety regulations and improving working conditions for our kitchen staff
  - Access Ramp – improvements to our accessibility to the school grounds and building.
  - Drainage repairs and improvements to prevent playground flooding



A recently completed survey of the school roof identified the need for extensive roof replacement and repairs across the entirety of the school. This requires major investment in order to extend the life of the building and has been split into two stages. The first stage of this project has been completed but stage two requires significant roof replacements and further investment.

To ensure we fulfil our responsibility of paying 10% of all capital expenditure, we ask that you continue to make a contribution to the School Building Fund. This will help us fund repairs to the roof, make changes to rooms and embark on other projects to improve the school building and grounds, and so ensuring we provide an outstanding curriculum, and comply with Health and Safety standards and Accessibility requirements.

**Donations can be paid over a 12 month period by standing order at £3 per month. If you are unable to contribute the full £36, please contribute what you can.**

*This is not available to be paid via the online payment system, as it is linked to a different bank account. Bank details can be found on the attached Standing Order form.*

Thank you, again, for all your donations; your support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Whatley".

Mrs Catherine Whatley  
Headteacher