

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Dear parents,

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around the proposed changes to school funding. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able at this stage, how this will affect our school.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time. Our school is not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that more than half of school leaders felt that their budget would be untenable by 2018/19. The Institute of Fiscal Funding has indicated that real terms cuts are accruing at somewhere between 8-10% of school budgets. The National Audit Office estimate a £3 billion real terms cut across all phases and in all schools.

The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation. However with increasing costs placed onto all schools the new formula will not bring the benefits that we had hoped to see.

The schoolcuts.org.uk website, analysing DfE data, projects that this would mean our school losing approximately £178,000 from its budget by 2020. We are cautious regarding these figures, however, as we have no information about how the figure has been calculated.

Various attempts have been made by both educational and non-educational organisations to predict the level of cuts individual schools will face and some of these are now being circulated online, but the reality is that we will have to wait and see who will be the winners and losers in the new proposed funding formula.

Please be assured that we will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching resources possible and that all the money we have is spent effectively on our children. We are also letting the local authority and government know just how serious the funding crisis has become.

Please remember that your parent voice counts also. You can register your concerns about school cuts by visiting www.fairfundingforallschools.org and sign their petition or write to your local MP. Mr Campbell

RED NOSE DAY

We had a wonderful Red Nose Day assembly last Friday. Everyone joined in and the performances (teachers and children) included singers, dancers, gymnasts, footballers, cup stackers, comedians and even an aerobics class.

We raised an incredible **£370** which will be sent to Comic Relief to support their many good causes.



Passion Play

Congratulations to all our children who staged a wonderful depiction of the Passion at Our Lady's Church on Wednesday. The singing, acting, dancing, music and narration came together beautifully and powerfully to make this an unforgettable and emotional experience.

Special thanks to Mrs Lee, Mr Bonar, Miss Kingman and all the support staff who supported the children so well in producing a stunning performance by all.



Becket Award Winners

See back of newsletter for all our children who received a Becket Award at the end of the spring term. (photos and names on website)

Catholic Sports Events

Football and Netball Tournament

(Margaret Roper)

Saturday 6th May 2017

Catholic Swimming Gala

(St Joseph's)

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Catholic Athletics

(St James the Great)

Wednesday 28th June 2017

Catholic Infant Sports

(St Thomas Becket)

Thursday 6 July 2017

**Our end of term is fast approaching.
A reminder that school finishes at 2.00pm on Friday 7 April.
Have a safe and joyful Easter break!!**

Becket Awards Spring 2017

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BECKET</u>	<u>BECKET</u>	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	<u>GOOD SAMARITAN</u>
Butterflies	Jamie Dallas	Noelle Nolan	Awura Asare	Aaron Hyland
Ladybirds	Annabel Hesketh-Blower	Justin Leung	James Frost	Isabella Burrows
St Elizabeth	Anthony Samuel	Charlotte Siepka	Ayesha Glave	Joachim Okugbe
St Joseph	Ama Obeng	Connor Torsney	Jason Okugbe	Klaudia Brzustowska
St Francis	Naomi Asare	Hollie Adcock	Constance Bennett	Alfie Sorrell
St Anne	Sophia Murphy	Izzy Hayes	Peter Ugoh	Milo Doonican
St Patrick	Maeve Gallagher	Olivier Pietraszewski	Lemuel Taylor	Anya Connor
St Bernadette	Daniel Doyle	Emma Piredda	Anton Cohen	Louise Kelly
St Peter	Alex Glave	Lily Murphy	Sofia Lippett	Kebron Allison
St Therese	Hannah Christian	Nathan Pecku	Eloise Catley	Jasmine Calleb
St Paul	Sonia Brzustowska	Thomas Price	Steven Lam Man Chun	Martyna Podlasek
St Martin	Florence Chandler	Frank Herity	Jelani Okonkwo	Bella Brewer
St Cecilia	Vuyiswa Ncube	Ryan Sharp	Thomas O'Dowd	Calvin Kimuli
St Brigid	Ursula Moore	Audrey Bianco	Dylan Chung Kam Chung	Niamh McCardie
St Benedict	Zafora Esprit	Bobby Cope	Temi Oke	Ruma Pierre

Please note that from the start of the summer term all children must be in summer uniform.

Please adhere to this as our school uniform is part of our school identity.

The summer uniform is as follows:

BOYS

Grey tailored shorts
Grey socks
White short sleeved polo shirt
Royal blue V-neck jumper
or cardigan

Note: Year 6 boys have the option of wearing long grey tailored trousers or grey shorts

GIRLS

School summer dress (royal blue and white stripe)
Plain white socks or white tights
Royal blue V-neck jumper
or cardigan

Note: Year 6 girls have the option of wearing summer dress, pinafore or skirt and short sleeved polo shirt

During the 1st half of the Autumn Term, reception children are allowed to wear the school winter uniform