



## Why are school always asking us for money?

We thought we'd take this opportunity to explain a bit about our school's apparent money grabbing ways!

- Our school is a Catholic school and is therefore not funded as generously as other Government and Local Authority supported schools. We have to raise 10% of the cost towards any building, repairs, maintenance and refurbishment work before the work can be agreed and the balance funded. This is where the **School Building Fund** comes in and parents are asked to contribute £10 per child or £15 per family - per term. As well as funding the ongoing (and sometimes unseen) maintenance etc. this fund has recently helped school to extend the kitchen and future aims include improving the outdoor learning area and creating a forestry area.
- Most schools have a **PTA**. Not only is it a good way of increasing communication between parents and teachers, but it helps to provide additional financial support by way of fundraising. In recent years money raised by the PTA (and that means you!) has funded Orienteering equipment, new curtains for the school hall and various other resources. We try to do most of our fundraising in a way that means you get something back - Christmas cards, coffee mornings, nights out etc.
- As a Catholic school we are also encouraged to raise money for **charities and good causes**, particularly as part of our Lenten observance when we support **CAFOD**; <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>
- In addition we have a number of other charities and good causes close to our hearts, including **Jack's Room**; <https://www.justgiving.com/jacksroom> and **Myton Hospice**; <http://www.mytonhospice.org/> All the money raised from the hugely successful Soiree last year was split equally between these two fantastic causes.
- Many of the other fundraising ideas (including the **cake sales!**) are brought to us by the children themselves and naturally the school wants to nurture this caring and altruistic attitude. However, we do recognise that combined with all the above it can seem like a lot of demands on your finances.

## I don't have any spare time or any spare money, can I still help?

Absolutely! We are always grateful for support!

- Use the following link for **all** types of shopping, including online grocery & holidays and the PTA will earn cash back at no extra cost to you. <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> **All Souls Catholic Primary School.**
- Collect the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's and donate them to school.
- Use our Textile Recycling Bin - the big blue one in the corner of the car park!  
<http://www.uktextilerecycling.co.uk/> School receives commission per tonne for all the clothes, shoes and bedding etc. donated. Depending on their condition the textiles are either reused or recycled, so even the most worn and torn items can be of use! And it helps you get rid of clutter!
- Recycle your old batteries. A box is in the main reception area.
- Do you have any out grown uniform in good condition? This can be donated back to school for other children to use.
- Any old toys, books, DVDs **in good condition?** Let school have a sort through before giving them to the charity shop!
- Use Scholastic website when buying books <http://www.scholastic.co.uk/> **'Spend £10 or more with us and we'll give 20% of your order value back to your school in Scholastic Rewards to spend on books and resources.'**
- Do you or anyone you know have a business which would be prepared to donate raffle or auction prizes in exchange for a mention in our newsletter? Do you have a hidden or not so hidden talent we could benefit from? Can you make things? Bake things? Create things? Do you have any ideas you'd like to share?

**Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you!**