



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

10th March 2013

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have all chosen to enrol our children at St Francis Catholic Primary School because it is an outstanding school, but many families have also chosen St Francis because it is a faith school. St Francis is a Voluntary Aided School and in order to maintain this status the Government provides only 90% of the cost of building and repair work and the remaining 10% is paid via our monthly/annual contribution to the Governor Fund (SFSSF). Any additional money raised by the Governor Fund is used as an extension of the school budget.

Why is a Voluntary Aided Status so important? How does it support the teaching of the Catholic faith?

- It allows our children to live their faith throughout their school day.
- Religious Education can focus on the teaching of the Catholic faith and the school can support the children as they embrace their faith through collective worship, celebration and prayer.
- The admission policy prioritises Baptised Catholics before local non-Catholics.
- The children are guided by the school's vision of 'Recognising Christ in Everyone'.

The Governor Fund is not an extension of money raised by The Friends of St Francis, nor does it contribute towards a wish list. It is money essential to the budget and the running of the school.

In the past, the Governor Fund (SFSSF) has made a substantial contribution to updating IT facilities at the school. It has provided payment for the installation of a secure entry system to school as well as a contribution to the refurbishment of Key Stage 2 toilets.

If you would like to support the school with a voluntary contribution to the fund you can do so in a number of ways.

1. Monthly Bankers Order
Complete the enclosed Bankers Order form and drop in at the school office.
2. Personal Cheques/Cash
Make payable to 'St Francis School Support Fund' and drop in at the school office.
3. Online Bank Transfers
Bank account details on the form enclosed.

By completing a Gift Aid Form we are also able to recover the tax paid (basic rate) at no extra cost to you. The Governor Fund is entirely voluntary; any contribution is greatly appreciated and used to benefit all the children at St Francis Catholic Primary School.

If you wish to find out more details about the fund please look at the school web site and click on Governors.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of the Governors