St. Michael's Primary School, Killean

Principal:
MR. CÓNÁN McATEER

10th October 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

I want to thank you for your support so far this year. September is always extremely busy and you have been very patient and considerate adapting to the new changes.

This coming winter is going to prove extremely challenging for everyone in our school community. I have written to you before expressing my concern, as there has not been any funding forthcoming to support schools during this crisis. School budgets have suffered over many years now due to lack of investment and support and this is only set to deepen.

That being said, we still strive to put your children at the centre of every decision we make and we are determined not to let the cost of living crisis derail our plans and new initiatives for this year and the years ahead.

We would like to set up a parent fundraising committee with one parent representative from each class. The committee would meet with the Principal to decide on different methods of fundraising. I would ask you to organise between yourselves who will represent each class (not year group) and send the nomination to me via email by Friday 14th October.

We have taken into account some of your suggestions from last year's parental survey and different things you outline that would help improve our school. One of them was Coding club (coming this November), different curriculum opportunities and more efficient communication. The staff have identified a brand new whole school Numeracy scheme and a brand new school app which will benefit our whole school community but most importantly our current and future pupils. We need £8000 to cover this cost alone.

I look forward to receiving the nominations and forming the fundraising committee. Together, we will work to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils and school community.

Yours faithfully

C McAteer