



# Birches Primary School



## Budget

Dear Parents

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me regarding ways to help with raising concerns over budget allocation to schools in Northern Ireland. Writing to your MP/MLA and attending the meeting next Thursday are two ways to show our concerns over the funding formulae currently used.

In our own school there are different ways in which you can help us with our own budget. I have listed some below, if you can help with these areas it would mean less money would be spent this year from our allocated budget:

- Return guided reading books
- Return library books
- Return text books
- Make sure all payment for music tuition is paid

### **School trips and sports events**

At the moment the school pays for transport to and from venues eg: swimming, sports events and class trips. Parents pay for the entrance fee for various trips and for swimming and the school has covered the cost of transport. Transport costs are increasing and this year we have managed to secure money from grants to help go towards costs for the Pantomime trip. If you are aware of any grants which would help towards these areas, please contact me at school.

### **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship is another way of helping with our school budget. There are many items which need replaced each year for different topics covered by the classes and for outdoor play. If anyone would like to become a sponsor or who know a company who would be interested in sponsorship, please contact me.

Types of items which could be sponsored:

- Sand
- Flower bulbs and seeds
- Soil
- Transport to: swimming, sports tournaments, sports day, pantomime, school trips etc...

### **PTA - Fundraising**

Throughout the school year, the PTA hold a range of fundraising activities. This year we are continuing to raise money to update the Interactive Whiteboards in school. This will cost approximately £3,200 per board. We are also going to raise money for a new carpet area for P1, toys for Foundation Stage and a plain Whiteboard for the P5 class.

Every contribution you make to school, whether it is giving your time by helping out at events, donating money or helping to write grant application forms is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to discuss any ideas you may have please contact any member of the Board of Governors, PTA or myself.

Yours sincerely

PV Watson  
Principal