



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

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FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Dear parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask for your support.

Over the last few years, we have been nursing our 30-year-old heating boilers through the winters. One finally gave up and has been used to donate parts to the one remaining boiler. Without the strain of the swimming pool heating, it has seen us through one last winter but it is at end of life.

Our site team have worked hard to secure the most competitive quotes and governors have approved works to happen in the summer, ahead of the pool hopefully being back in operation in September.

Although we have been planning for this project – and have explored renewable options and grants – our main school budget does not have capacity to fund this £50,000 project and with the building being Grade II listed, this reduces the options which we are able to explore due to stringent planning legislation.

In my time here, we haven't needed to appeal to parents to support with a major project but with our budget committed to support the learning needs of pupils, we are now launching an appeal to support with fundraising for this project.

Trustees of the School and Parents Association have kindly agreed to support our fundraising and have approved that upcoming S&PA events will be used to help us reach our total. As a charity, will receive any donations, to allow for Gift Aid to be claimed where possible (e.g. today's scoot/skate/cycle event).

S&PA funds will also continue to support other activities that benefit the children (e.g. club resources, Team rewards, treats and activities).

So, if you can, please generously support upcoming S&PA events. Thank you!

Andrew Bright
Headteacher