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1st June 2021

Dear Parent/ Guardians

We will be holding our Annual Sponsored Walk next week, week beginning 7th June 2021. Traditionally, at the end of the summer term, the whole school would take part in a sponsored walk down the Newry Canal Towpath. This year, we will be unable to do this together as a whole school, given the current situation. Instead, each class will have a timetabled slot to walk around the school pitch throughout the day. This will ensure the 'class bubbles' are kept secure and tight.

The current financial climate for schools is very difficult, so I am sure you can understand this event's importance in raising essential funds for the school. Unfortunately, we have been unable to have any fundraising events in the past year, so we hope that parents will support us in our sponsored walk.

We hope that the money raised as a result of this fundraiser will help us to secure an order of 50 brand new Apple iPad devices and covers for use in September. The iPad devices are such an important asset to each of our classes and unfortunately quite a large number of them are outdated and working well below the required level. The 50 devices will cost in excess of £19,500.00. In a school of 519 pupils, we require a huge amount of iPads for the children to use and the purchase of 50 new iPads will help enormously.

In previous years, children have gained sponsorship from friends, family and neighbours and taken the money donated into school for counting. As the school has now become cashless, we ask that any money gathered is paid through the Cashless Payment System in school. A new item will be set up under 'Other' called Sponsored Walk. An amount has to be included on this item to allow parents to lodge money - please ignore this amount, this is pre-set by our supplier of the cashless system. Any amount donated will be welcomed. Please find the sponsor card below. If you require a paper copy, please call to the office. Completed Sponsored Cards can be taken into school and left in the boxes outside the classroom.

We hope that you will support us in our request for the purchase of 50 new iPads and covers, as this year, more than any other year, has made us realise the huge importance of having enough iPads for use by children in the school.

Yours in Partnership

Mrs M Monaghan (Principal)

Mr P Hillen (Coordinator)

ST CLARE'S ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our students are taking part in a Sponsored Walk next week, week beginning 7th June 2021.
*Families who donate more than £35 will receive a free football. Please ensure you return the sponsor card to the box outside your teacher's class. We hope that you will be able to support us and would be grateful for your kind donations.

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