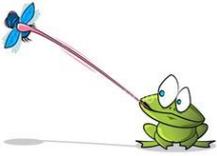


OLD HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



THE FRIDAY FLYER



Friday 28th September 2018

MESSAGES FROM MRS M!

'WORTHLESS?' Headteacher March in London

We were expecting 1000 headteachers, the Police's reported estimate was 2000! It was a very civilised affair ~ well it really couldn't be otherwise! There were headteachers from Dorset and Cornwall to Warrington and Sheffield and beyond. The fact that that many headteachers made the decision with the approval of their Governing Bodies or Academy Trusts, shows the depth of feeling about the issue of school funding, both at primary and secondary school level.

We understand that more money than ever has been given to schools, but the fact is there are more children in schools that the money has to go to and a seemingly increasing number of children with extra needs; whether that be special educational needs, deprivation/poverty issues, mental health issues or socially based problems.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies, an independent organisation, has confirmed in real terms that school budgets have been decimated by 8% since 2010.

The main resource of a school is the team of people that work within in it to support the all round education of our children in order to give them the best possible life chances. That team of people is on the decline as Headteachers make decisions about how to provide learning environments for children as budgets shrink but children still need teachers and the support staff, still need a well maintained school building, still need resources to play and learn with.

At Old Heath as support staff have moved on or requested shorter working weeks we have not replaced them, yet the children they supported across the school are still in school and the rest of the team then tries hard to fill the gap, but we can't keep that going long term.



Our children's education and the million different ways schools support, nurture and create different learning & life experiences is not 'worth less', it is paramount to their well-being and their future lives!

That is why I walked on the March today and managed to get back for
KS1 Sports Club (yippee!) but not Golden Assembly (sorry!)

Father Richard's Beacon House Harvest Appeal!

And now it seems very odd to be asking if every child could possible bring in on Monday a tin of beans, tomatoes, packet of biscuits, shower gel, toothpaste for our collection for 'Harvest' for
Father Richard's Beacon House Appeal!