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Dear friend of Whitechurch National School,

We are inviting all current and former pupils to contribute to a **special project that we have commissioned**. It will be a lasting memorial to all of our children that have had so many wonderful years in our school and have enjoyed the benefits of our small parish community, with everyone working towards a common goal of educating our children in a positive and safe environment.

PTA2 has commissioned Beatrice Stewart to design a living sculpture, which will be located in a prominent position for all to see. **Every child and (or) family can place their name on the school "Reach for the Stars project"** as a reminder to all of the happy years that each child and family has spent in our school. We hope to start this installation over the summer and, in early [September](#), we will begin placing the names of the children and families that have attended our school.

This project is designed to help us clear the final balance of the debt for the school extension that was commissioned in 2006. The extension, which was completed in 2007, has given us two state-of-the-art classrooms and a new staffroom.

Many children have benefited from this fine addition to our school and we have been able to grow without the need to continue using the prefabs that had previously been part of daily life for our children.

PTA2 was set up as a committee to generate ideas, co-ordinate fundraising activities and work with other school and parish committees to provide meaningful, enjoyable and lasting fundraising activities.

We have had tremendous support from the parents, parishioners and friends of the school and have nearly cleared the monies loaned and mortgage taken out to pay for the extension.

From the original cost of €520,000, we have raised almost €488,500 (net of bank interest) through grants, voluntary contributions, parish loans and direct fundraising activities – and all of this during the worst economic recession in 20 years. We are now just €31,500 from having this loan paid off.

This specially designed sculpture (see overleaf for sample design) can be added to over the years – long after the PTA2 fundraising has been completed. It will provide a timeless memorial for future generations attending our school. Any monies raised after the school loan is paid off will go towards the general upkeep and maintenance of our school.

We have enclosed a payment form that outlines how you can have your child(ren), grandchildren and family name added to our **"Reach for the Stars"** wall. We are happy to look at flexible payment schemes over 10 months and have attached a standing order form.

We hope that you will be pleased with our chosen design and that we will see your child's or family's name on our Reach for the Stars wall in the near future.

On behalf of the PTA2, PTA and School Board of Management

WNS Reach for the Stars



This is an example of some designs that could be used for our stars. The stars would of course be fired and glazed, and will come in a variety of colours



The stars to the right show how text will be incorporated into the design. Actual sample stars will be available to view in the near future.

Reach for the Stars Booking Form

If you wish to donate more than one star to the scheme, **please fill out a separate booking form for each star**. Photocopies of this form may be used.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please provide an e-mail address and we will notify you when your star has been installed in the sculpture)

I wish the following text to be included on my star (please use block capitals):

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Only names and dates will be put on to stars. No other text will be accepted. You can have text on a maximum of three lines. **Each line should have a maximum of 12 letters including spaces to ensure the text is readable on the Star.**

Example

Line 1 _____ **Annabel** _____

Line 2 _____ **Smyth** _____

Line 3 _____ **2001 -2009** _____

[] I enclose €100 per star (please make cheques out to WNS PTA2)

[] I have completed the standing order form and sent it in to my bank

Standing Order Mandate

P.T.A. 2 – Reach for the Stars Project

STANDING ORDER FORM FOR COMPLETION

Name _____
(Please print)

To: The Manager:

I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our account

Account Number _____

With the sum of € _____

(Say, _____)

And to credit

W.N.S. P.T.A.2 .Fundraising

Account Number 3 7 2 0 7 2 3 6 NSC9 3 3 2 9 5

Bank AIB Rathfarnham, 6 Main Street, Dublin 14.

Payee reference number if applicable _____

Frequency _____ Monthly _____

Start date ___/___/___ for 10 (Ten) payments only

It shall be understood that the Bank shall not be under any liability for damage or loss caused by any omission to make these payments.

Please allow 5 working days notice prior to first payment

Name/Account Title (Block Capitals) _____

Signature(s) _____