

Money's too tight to mention

As we navigate another strike week, we've turned our Teacher Tapp lens to look at school finances ■■

But before we get to that, we've made sure that there's one Tappster who has a few less financial worries... It's the winner of our Golden Ticket draw.

The winner is a secondary teacher who has been using Teacher Tapp since 2017 and has a current streak of over 1,300 ■■

Tickets roll over each month so if you don't win, don't worry, maybe next time!

Right, results...

1. Money In

Whilst money may be tight in school, everyone is also aware that money is tight at home. Only around a quarter of schools ask parents for a voluntary donation toward the school, and you probably won't be surprised to learn that schools working in more deprived communities are less likely to ask than those in more affluent ones (and yes, even some independent schools ask for a donation). Generally, asking for a donation is more common in primary schools; nearly a third now make a request.

It may not be a majority of schools that do this, but over time, the proportion asking has risen; from 18% in 2021 to 26% in 2023.

A more popular way to boost the school coffers is to rent out part of your school space. Around 7 in 10 secondary schools do this, and around 6 in 10 primaries.

But there are real regional disparities; whilst around 8 out of 10 schools in the South East have the facilities to do this (and a community wanting to access those spaces) only around half of schools in Yorkshire and the North East bring in extra income this way.

Teachers whose school has rented out space to third-party providers at any point this academic year

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