



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JCB/LMS

17 March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

You will no doubt be aware that Friday 18 March is Comic Relief Day. As a school one of the ways we raise money for Comic Relief is having the day as one of our non-uniform days. Students may contribute £1.00 to wear their own clothes. Just to remind you that students should be mindful that we expect them to dress appropriately as befits an educational setting and that jewellery rules as set out in our uniform policy still apply. We appreciate your support in this matter. Arrangements are in place for Years 11, 12 and 13 to make their own contribution.

You can also make a donation to Comic Relief through ParentPay by following the links from your account. Please be reassured that 100% of your donation will go to the charity.

As you will also know, we are supporting the humanitarian appeal for Ukraine in a number of ways, including donating food and other items as listed in a recent letter to you. Just to remind you that the deadline for these items to be brought to school is Friday 18 March. We are immensely grateful to you for your support and the donations you provide will be distributed to the people who need them most. We have also set up a link on ParentPay to support the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Appeal and you are able to make a contribution in this way as well.

There is a further opportunity for students to support the DEC Ukraine Appeal which I would like to make you aware of. Tuesday 29 March is House Drama, one of the flagship events of our House system. We will be running an extended tutor period that morning and students will have the opportunity of organising small-scale fundraising events in form time and the proceeds of these activities will go towards the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

In addition, approximately 50 students and 10 staff will be supporting the Happy Days homeless charity on Thursday 24 March, raising sponsor money through their JustGiving page. You will find a link [here](#). In return, they will experience what being homeless means in practice, by sleeping outside with just a sleeping bag and a roll mat or cardboard. Sadly, there is an increasing number of homeless people in our community and our thanks go to the students and staff involved for supporting people in very difficult circumstances.

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We are, as ever, hugely grateful to you for your support in our fundraising efforts for all the charities and good causes we support. We have a display 'thermometer' in the Swann Hall which is a running total of the amount of money we have raised for charities and good causes this year. We set a target of £5,000 for 2021-22 and I am very pleased to tell you that we have, so far, raised in excess of £4,300.

If you are able to make any further contributions or have any suggestions as to how you can offer any support, financial or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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