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Dear Parents and Guardians

ANNUAL CHARITY FUN RUN - FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019

This year St Mary's annual Charity Fun Run will be held on Friday 18 October 2019. Every year the whole school raises a substantial amount from this event (approximately £9000 last year) which supports a variety of local, national and international charities. With both the Junior and Senior Schools running in the event and raising sponsor money, we hope the combined efforts will continue to raise funds for worthwhile causes.

The charities we will be supporting this year are listed below and on the sponsor sheet, which will be distributed to girls this week and which we hope you will encourage your daughter(s) to complete. Sponsor sheets will need to be brought into school on Friday 18 October and given to class teachers. This year we are again setting a target for each pupil to raise money for the Fun Run by aiming to secure 20 sponsors, where possible. Sponsorship money should be handed in by **Friday 1 November** to your daughter's Class Teacher. This will enable the school to help our worthwhile causes at what continues to be a very challenging time for them.

The Fun Run is always a colourful and exuberant close to the first half of the Autumn Term, with both pupils and staff getting involved in fancy dress, costume creating and imaginative design. This year's theme for the Fun Run is '*The 1980s*' - a great opportunity for the girls to transform themselves into individuals or groups from this iconic decade: pop stars, films of the time, video game characters, reflecting pastimes or fashion of the decade, dance and music, influential women or other famous faces. In the Head's Assembly this Monday Ms Freebairn and I talked through the presentation (alongside this letter) which has many ideas for the girls. We emphasised that they need not buy outfits, creative 're-purposing' of clothes would be excellent.

If you are able, do join us and cheer your daughters on. The St Mary's Circle will be selling a range of drinks, cakes and snacks.

The Junior School run will start at 1.30pm at the Newnham paddling pool on Lammas Land and the Senior School will start at 2.15pm.

Pre-prep children will run in a separate area, which will be cordoned off. A bell will be rung to indicate the start of the run and parents can watch their children from the perimeter. When the finish bell is rung parents can then collect their daughter directly from her Class Teacher. Please ensure that your daughter's Class Teacher ticks your daughter off on the register before you leave with her. Girls coming back to school will then be escorted by their teacher.

It is important that you specify on the electronic reply accompanying this letter if you will be taking your daughter from Lammas Land or if she should be brought back to school for normal collection. If your daughter is going home with other parents please give their name on the electronic reply. Clubs will run as normal on Friday afternoon. **Please complete the electronic response form by Friday 11 October at the very latest.**

We are always delighted and very grateful for all the support and generosity that both pupils and their parents give in supporting the Fun Run and may I take this opportunity now to thank you for all you will do in helping us to support a range of charitable causes over the course of the academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mr M O'Reilly

Head of Juniors

Charities to be supported:

The building of the new Mary Ward secondary school in Mbizo, by the CJ Community in Zimbabwe

Friends of the Earth

Well Child

Cam Sight

Breast Cancer Now (Pink Morning)

After some ten years of discernment, the Congregation of Jesus, the order Mary Ward founded, undertook a project to build a secondary school at Mbizo, Zimbabwe, two years ago. Their established primary school nearby provides education for about 1000 youngsters.

The bulk of our fundraising from the Fun Run and from other activities this year, and possibly for a while to come, will be continuing to support the Zimbabwe region of the CJ and the building of this new secondary school. When we launched the Fun Run in 2017 it was just an empty field; now phase 1 of the 3 phase project is complete and it is hoped the school will open to its first two year groups in February. Our fundraising will continue to support the project so as the rest of the site can be completed for the students to progress to as they complete each year of their schooling. <https://catholicchurchnewszimbabwe.com/2019/03/28/new-catholic-schools-add-weight-to-education-in-zimbabwe-as-maryward-sisters-and-sacred-heart-brothers-plan-gigantic-educational-development-in-midlands/>



Well Child's vision is for every child and young person living with serious health needs to have the best chance to thrive - properly supported at home with their families. They provide practical and emotional support to seriously ill children, young people and their families, enabling them to leave hospital more quickly and return to life in their own homes.

Over 100,000 children and young people are living with serious illness or exceptional health needs across the UK. Many spend months, even years in hospital because of lack of the support needed to enable them to leave.

The money raised by Well Child, and research carried out, ensures parents, carers and those who work in the children's healthcare sector are better equipped to provide support to children and young people with long term, complex healthcare needs.

Friends of the Earth were nominated as a cause for the Fun Run by the school Eco Council. They stand with anyone who cares about the world we live in. They work with local groups, experts, business leaders and politicians, and push for change on causes that matter: Protecting homes and local environments. Promoting safe and healthy food and water everywhere. Supporting alternative energy solutions that can change the world for the better for everyone.

Cam Sight is a Cambridgeshire charity that supports local people of all ages living with low vision and blindness. They work to enhance independence, improve well-being, and improve inclusion.

Cam Sight seeks to enable everyone to be able to reach their full potential. They provide the tools, information, and advice to allow people to live the lives they choose.

Their vision: A world of equality, in which people of all ages who are blind or have low vision achieve the possibilities they choose in life. <https://www.camsight.org.uk/>

Charity Fundraising 2018-2019

Macmillan Cancer Care	£65.60
CAFOD	£584.95
Breast Cancer Now	£368.61
BBC Children in Need	£541.20
C.J. Zimbabwe (MW School Mbizo)	£8709.52
Toms Trust	£600
SENSE	£600
Save the Children	£337.35
CAFOD World Gifts (staff)	£168.00
Toilet Twinning	£420.00
CARE (boarders' concert)	£312.00
Glanfield Children's Group (Lourdes)	£1638.74

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