



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Here at Hazelwick we are immensely proud of the sense of community brought by students, staff and parents/carers working together; one hugely positive aspect of this is in our charitable work.

Over the last 8 years we have been involved with St Catherine's Hospice in a number of fund-raising activities, most notably their Enterprise Challenge. Every year we have a large number of students who are very keen to enter this competition, so many in fact that we have our own internal selection process to choose a team to represent the school. During this process, we are always moved by the students' motivation to raise not only money, but also awareness of the amazing work done by the staff and friends of St Catherine's Hospice.

Historically, our students have performed brilliantly in the Enterprise Challenge, winning many of the awards, generating phenomenal amounts of money and keeping the work of St Catherine's alive in the hearts and minds of the community. Last year's team were all set to continue this trend, but unfortunately, due to the circumstances arising from Covid-19, their fundraising efforts had to be cut short. During these unprecedented times, many charities have been faced with financial difficulties and, as always, our school community would like to help wherever we can.

Over the school year we will be holding 5 non-uniform days, the first of which will take place next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October and which will be in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Students will be able to wear their own clothes for the day for a minimum donation of £1.00. Lessons will continue as normal and students' choice of clothing must be appropriate for lessons. Students will be able to make their donation in cash on the day or through Wisepay and may choose to donate £1.00 separately on each non-uniform day or £5.00 from the outset, which will cover all 5 days across the year.

Another local charity, which we have regularly supported, is Crawley Open House, which provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination or other forms of social exclusion, and whose support is available to anyone in need. Crawley Open House is always grateful for financial donations, but also welcomes offers of essential items, such as food and cleaning products. In the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> November we will be collecting together as many of these essential items as we can. If, during that week, students are able to bring in food items (tins of meat and vegetables, soup, tuna, jars of sauce and dry goods, such as pasta) or toiletries and cleaning products, we will take these to Crawley Open House.

I know that as a community we will rise to the challenge of helping these two very worthy charities in the near future and look forward to being able to help others throughout the school year with further non-uniform days.

Yours faithfully,

Ms A Fearon

Headteacher