

Christ Church

Church of England Primary School

Being Thankful, Celebration, Fairness, Forgiveness, Honesty, Love for All

21st March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Most people know someone who is affected by cancer in its various forms. We know that it may affect more and more of us in the future. We are aware of the large fundraising need to further research into the many types of cancer to help diagnose, treat and eventually cure successfully. However, did you know that brain tumour research represents just 1.37% of the national spend on cancer?

Some stark facts from



- Every two hours, someone is diagnosed with a brain tumour in England.
- In the UK, 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with a brain tumour.
- Fewer than 20% of brain tumour patients survive beyond five years of their diagnosis.
- Brain tumours are the chief cause of cancer deaths in children and young people. In 2015, the number of children dying from cancer was 194, with brain tumours taking 67 young lives and leukaemia 46.
- Brain tumours continue to kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer. Brain tumour deaths are rising, representing 2.6% of all deaths from cancer. They kill more children than leukaemia, more men under 45 than prostate cancer and more women under 35 than breast cancer.
- At the current rate of spend, it could take 100 years for brain cancer to catch up with developments in other diseases and find a cure.
- Awareness of the devastation caused by brain tumours is low. Less than 10% of people in the UK know that brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer.

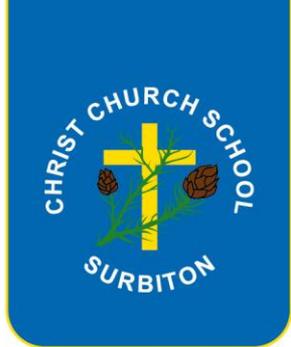
'Wear a hat day' is a charity event dedicated to raising money for vital brain tumour research. This year as a school we will be supporting 'Wear a hat day' and hope as many people as possible will support the event as well.

On Thursday 29th March (the last day of this term), we will be showing off our millinery (hat making) skills and taking to the MUGA in an Easter bonnet parade with a difference. We are calling all 'mad hatters' to create the most original and fabulous hat they can which they will wear in year group parades. These hats will be judged carefully and the most inventive creation will be given a small prize.



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The theme of the 'Mad Hatter's tea party' we will have our own tea party after the parade with the entire school invited. The children will be involved in making snacks for each other and will also have the opportunity (weather permitting) to be part of the Christ Church Mad Hatter's picnic outside.

The children need to bring their creation in to school on Thursday 29th March for the mid-morning parade and picnic.

We hope to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause to help people and their families affected by brain tumours and would suggest a minimum donation of £1 and hope to raise a large overall donation to the charity.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support.

Kind regards

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