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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 19th November

Our School Council has chosen to support **Sophie's Arc** on Friday 19th November as part of their commitment to raise funds for charities. Please overleaf see more details about this very worthy charity.

To celebrate this day we are wearing Rainbow colours; all of them, one of them or several of them just to be as bright and vivid as possible. Please may we suggest you send in a donation of £1.00 to raise money for our chosen charity on this day?

We will also be having a cake sale to staff and pupils again to raise money, so any donations of cakes will be gratefully received. To enable us to apply Covid regulations, please can we ask you **send in your cakes on Thursday the 18th of November**, the day before, as they will need to be untouched for 24 hours before purchased. We also need to ask you to clearly label your cakes with a list of ingredients please and remember we are a **NUT FREE** school.

To enable your young person to purchase cakes, if they would like to, please send in a donation on Friday the 19th November. Children will go along, class by class, to choose their cakes.

We hope it will be a successful fun event for all and that we raise a nice amount for this very worthy charity. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

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Sophie's Arc works in conjunction with the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), The Royal Marsden (RMH) and Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) to help improve outcomes for children and adolescents with rhabdomyosarcoma. The ICR and the RMH together are ranked in the top four centres for cancer research and treatment worldwide. These institutions work closely with the children at the RMH and GOSH and the European Paediatric Soft Tissue Sarcoma Study Group (EpSSG) who design and run clinical trials across Europe to develop better treatments for young sarcoma patients. EpSSG also collaborates closely with the US Children's Oncology Group (COG) ensuring that valuable information is shared worldwide.

Sophie's Arc raises money to help support these centres of excellence conduct their research by funding the salaries of key staff as required, providing equipment required and other ad-hoc requests. It also fundraises to help provide medicines that make the treatment process easier for patients and their families. For example, drugs such as neulasta which aren't readily available to children in the UK and help to stimulate white blood cells to reduce the risk of infection after chemotherapy.

Alice's Arc has no paid employees and no overheads. **Every penny donated will go direct to the charity's work.** So whatever you can give or pledge, you know it will make a difference to a child with cancer.