

Dear parents and carers,

Over the coming weeks we have **two**, whole school events that focus on supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. The UK fundraiser that we all know and love, Red Nose Day, is being held this coming Friday (18th March) As you will have noted in our previous email, the theme this year is 'We are all Unique!'. More information can be found below:

*We have a strong tradition at HPS of rising to the challenge of Red Nose Day. I hope this year will be no different! On the day, we ask that your child/children comes to school in **non school uniform, preferably wearing something RED** (please ensure that your child's/children's outfit/s are suitable) A voluntary contribution (50p/£1) that goes to supporting the charities work would also be gratefully received. As well as a great outfit, it would be great if you could make a house for your red nose out of Lego! Take a photo and send it into school. The best designs will be shared on the school website!*

*As with all our fundraising work, each class will spend some time during the day reflecting on the key messages behind Red Nose Day (in an age appropriate way) whilst also undertaking some fun tasks, challenges and activities.*

*Let's all dress-up, laugh and smile this Red Nose Day. We have all earned the opportunity to have a giggle.*

Our second event shall be held the following Friday (25th March) More information about this event is listed below:

*As a school community we have been shocked and saddened by the events unfolding in front of our eyes in Ukraine. Not only has this war been hard for us as adults to comprehend, but it will have also thrown up a huge cloud of confusion for our children. On the day (25/3) we would like all of our children (from Nursery to Y6) to attend school wearing items of clothing in the **colours of Ukraine (blue and yellow)***

*Throughout the day, in an age appropriate way, the children will explore what it means to be 'displaced' and how Ukraine's European neighbours can assist them in their time of need. Showing our support also allows us to explore our core school values of empathy, respect and friendship.*

Taking the information above into account, this year we would like to offer families the **choice** about which charity they wish to support. **On Friday 18th March**, there will be two containers in each classroom.. One container shall be for donations supporting families in the UK through The Red Nose Day activities and the other container shall be for

contributions that support on the ground interventions in Eastern Europe. No money needs to be brought into school on Friday 25th.

At HPS we really value the opportunities that allow **genuine pupil voice** on real-life issues that challenge and educate. We believe that this decision will give you, our families, the opportunity to debate these issues together. Supporting both is fine as well!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity in these difficult times. It does not go unnoticed with staff at HPS. We really are a generous community who put the welfare of others at the heart of what we do.

If you need any more information please contact Mr. Lopez and he will be happy to help.

Many thanks.

Mr. Lopez