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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will remember, if you attended the first induction with me, that it was a particularly sad day for us.

For those of you who have joined us after this date, you may be unaware that last year one of our Year 1 pupils, Olivia, died. Olivia died from a DIPG terminal brain tumour, almost a year from her diagnosis. During this time we were blessed to see her in school and enjoy some happy times which will be treasured by the wider school community for a long time.

During last year as a school community, we decided to do all that we could to raise money for the research into DIPG and hopefully help scientists and doctors to eradicate this cancer, one which takes a child's life every 9 days.

Therefore this will be our charity focus for 2018/19, we plan to make a difference. We are lucky to be joined in this fundraising venture by both Hilltop schools, as part of the HEARTS Academy Trust.

Attached is our charity focus for this coming year, it is a draft and one which will happily change as fresh ideas come in. All of the events listed will contribute in some-way to the overall donation. There will also be other, larger events and we will let you know when funds raised will be going to this charity.

Our children always know our focus and we will tell them that this year we will be raising money to help scientists and doctors in their work so that they can help children who are poorly, as Olivia was.

Our target is £2000, double the amount raised in each of the last two years. I hope that we can exceed it. For such a small school this will be remarkable. Money raised this year will be given to the charity which ensures all funds raised go exclusively to DIPG research: Abbie's Army. More information on this will follow.

If you can support in any way with other ideas, support from employers or activities at home then please contact the PTA/the office team.

Yours sincerely

Louise Johnson



Charity focus

Subject: Fundraising 18-19

School focus	Led by	Charity	Monitored by
<p>Improving awareness of DIPG, Diffuse, Intrinsic, Pontine Glioma.</p> <p>Raising funds to support the medical research into finding a cure for this cancer.</p>	<p>SLT and computing lead. Fundraising group set up between The Wickford CofE and Hilltop schools in the HEARTS Trust.</p>	<p>In Olivia's name - TBC</p>	<p>Local Advisory Board</p>

School aims - £2000 This is a small school and all funds raised will go to support this charity.

Fundraising Event to raise funds for school/whole Trust charity	Success criteria	Amount achieved	Action group	Timing	Purpose
SLT at entrance points before the Big Breakfast	£75		SLT	Autumn 1	In Olivia's name - TBC
Children at exit points after Christmas concerts	£150		SLT	Autumn 2	
Christmas cake sale	£75		Whole staff	Autumn 2	
Class based ideas for fundraising to be planned by the children.	£200 aim		Whole staff	Spring 1	
Easter cake sale	£75		Whole staff	Spring 2	
Easter Parade - bonnets and hats!	£75		Parents/whole staff	Spring 2	
A percentage of the summer fete profits.	£200 proposed		FACES	Summer 2	
Children at exit points after Summer concerts	£150		SLT	Summer 2	
A percentage of Freeze Pop Friday sales	£150 proposed		FACES	Summer 2	
Mrs Boswell's Bakes - Recipe book	£200 proposed		Whole staff	Summer 2	

The plan to be drawn up by the committee and in close working with FACES Trust wide event -?? Parachute jump? Walk? Business enterprise?