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Colour Dash – Friday 12th June

Dear Parents and Carers

We are thrilled that our partnership with the local children's charity Leicester Children's Holidays (LCH), whose aim is - Lifting Children's Hopes, is still in place, a charity that we continue to support and who supports us and our school community.

LCH is a fantastic charity that helps children and youngsters across the East Midlands in a variety of ways such as financial support towards school trips, access to mental health therapy, providing essentials like coats, toiletries, and school uniform they also provide opportunities for young people to fully participate in a hobby or sport outside of school and they run a series of free family days out such as trips to the cinema, local farms and Santa experiences.

As a school partner we can nominate our children and families who may benefit from the programmes they run.

If you are a family with a low household income who would like to become one of our LCH families who we can nominate for their support – please email the school office requesting to be a LCH Family and you will be added to our list. (Your child doesn't have to be on free school meals for this support).

As you will remember part of the charity partnership is that we will be take part in their Annual LCH Colour Dash.

For 2026, we along with 225 other schools with over 60,000 children taking part across the East Midlands!

Our Colour Dash date is: Friday 12th June

LCH provides us everything we need for the colour dash free of charge, all the paint and kit we need to run the event, plus reward prizes for all children, all they ask is for your support with gaining sponsorship for your child, this is a great opportunity to talk to them about fundraising and the great work charities and in particular local charities do.

Children and staff will run around a set course at school whilst being showered with coloured powder, the powered paint is not harmful to people or the environment. It is made from corn starch, dyed with food-grade colouring. (if your child has previous allergies to corn starch, please let us know, as the charity has sourced a potato starch alternative - a corn starch allergy is extremely rare).

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This morning the charity have visited us for a launch assembly, and your child may come home very excited. Sponsorship forms will also be coming home with them, please support your child in gaining sponsorship from friends and family – the school and the charity don't want to just burden parents with the ask for money.

The QR code on the sponsorship form can be scanned to donate online but still please fully complete the sponsorship form for all donations, including your child's name on the front. **We will also accept cash donations for the charity.** Gift aid can be claimed by the charity, and it is an important part of their fundraising – so do ensure sponsors complete the form fully as this is extra free money for the charity.

Please return cash donations and completed sponsorship forms with your child's name and class on to the school office to claim their reward prizes.

Our sponsorship & donation return deadline is: Friday 12th June

The charity event is fully inclusive, and every child gets to take part, the charity also provides the minimum prizes for every child – no one is left out!

Children will need a change of clothes (preferably old clothes and shoes). The clothes will get covered in powder colour.

The charity aims to get prizes back to us as soon as possible and before the summer break but please be patient as they are a small team.

Thank you in advance for your support of this event.

The Grove Team