



12 February 2010

Dear Parent,

**Collection for Cancer Research – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

On the first Friday after the half-term holiday we are having a massive collection for Cancer Research UK – but it won't cost you a penny! They are really short of goods to sell in their charity shops, and, with the current economic situation, they have lots of customers but not enough to sell.

We already support the charity with several of our older pupils helping in their shops as part of our community service team but this is an opportunity for all of us to help in some way. Cancer Research UK needs no introduction; most of us have had the lives of friends or family touched by cancer. Quite apart from that, most of us have things that are in good condition but have out-lived the space they take up in our homes.

We organised a similar highly successful event last year and the charity representatives were delighted with the response, which raised over £2000 when items were sold in their shops.

We would be very grateful if you could sort out a few items that you no longer want, like clothing, bags, ornaments, jewellery, CDs, DVDs, shoes and toiletries. The day for bringing them into school is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, when they can be taken to the main School Hall at the beginning of the morning. (It will also be possible to bring them to the Hall after 4pm on the evening before.) Please do not bring them before this date, as we have nowhere to store them, and the charity will be sending transport to collect our items on this day only.

We will send carrier bags home a few days before the event as a reminder, but donations can be sent in any strong carrier or box.

We look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. W. Watson  
Headmaster