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Dear Parents & Carers

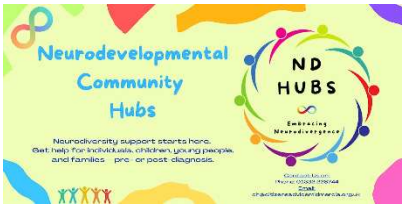
I am sure you will be aware that next Friday, 25th September is the nationwide charitable event for Macmillan Cancer Research and we would love to invite you to an event we are running for this brilliant cause.

From 9.00am, once you have dropped the children off at their classes, there will be cake and tea or coffee in the hall for a small donation. Mrs Hackett our SENDCo, Miss Grimes, our Child And Family Support Officer, Mrs Goulding our Inclusion Support Advisory Teacher (ISAT) and I will be around to chat about any initial concerns you may have, now your children have been in school for a couple of weeks and we have also invited several organisations to come:

Mellors, our caterers will be here to chat about the lunchtime menus and any difficulties you might have with getting your children to eat a good diet or worries about allergies.

We have representatives from the charity **Compass** coming. We have worked with them in school for several years now. They are an NHS backed charity that support children and young people's mental health and can provide free support for children and also for parents, helping improve your knowledge around supporting your children's mental health. They run workshops and have also delivered some assemblies directly to the children.

Umbrella are also visiting. They are a Derby based charity who provide inclusive family services and activities for children and young people with any disability or additional need.



We also have representatives from **The South Derbyshire Neurodevelopmental Community Hubs** coming. They provide information and guidance to families who may have a child or young person who is neurodivergent. You do not need a diagnosis for access to the service, and they are really experienced and helpful. Many of our parents have accessed their services in the past.

Could I encourage you to come and have a chat? Advice is not limited to children who attend our school, so if you have older children who you would like advice for, please come along. You can come at any point between 9.00am and 10.00am, the hall will be open. We would love to see you. The charities we work with are all fantastic and it is a great way of seeing what help is available and to chat to us about anything without the urgency the school run brings.

Donations of cake will be gratefully received from Thursday afternoon (please drop donations to the office). Any that are left we will sell on the playground at the end of the school day.

Whilst the children are not invited to the event in the hall, please get them involved. On Friday they can bring a small donation and can come dressed in green instead of school uniform or wear a green item of clothing. Children may also bring a small 'treat' for their break time snack for one day only.

Please be mindful that any treats you send do not contain nuts.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Friday morning.

Yours faithfully

E J Cripps

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Headteacher

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