

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

As you will be aware, CMS is committed to our school charity, Guide Dogs UK. Since March 2019 we have been raising money in order that we might name a puppy which will then be trained as a guide dog. The target for this is £2500, and so far we have raised just over £1600, of which we are very proud.

However, we would like to reach our target by the end of this academic year, and have been thinking about the best way to achieve this, given current restrictions, and to take into account any possible future self-isolations or even lockdowns.

You may have noticed that we now have a dedicated 'JustGiving' link on our school website. This is linked directly with our Name a Puppy account, and we have set a target of £1000. We are asking all pupils to commit to at least one activity that they will personally undertake before July in order to raise some money. This underlines our 'considerate' school value, and we are highlighting to pupils that it's not actually about the amount they raise. Instead, it's about thinking of others, and trying to make a real difference.

We would like to encourage you to have a chat with your children about what they may do to raise a bit of money. They might do some jobs around the home, for which you decide a sum of money which you can then put directly into the JustGiving link. Or they may decide to undertake a larger activity, such as a sponsored walk, silence or read. They may simply decide to forego some pocket money one week and allow it to go to Guide Dogs instead. There are many possible ideas - the more creative the better!

When they have completed their fundraising activity, and the money has been paid into the account, pupils should inform their tutor leadership team, who will submit all fundraising activities and amounts raised to school. Pupils will then receive two housepoints for every task they have done, and five housepoints for anything more substantial, such as a sponsored activity. If they wish to share any photos of their fundraising activity, they may do so on their House Teams channel for Guide Dogs.

In addition to this, our fabulous Y8 Senior Ambassador team have also put together a fundraising opportunity called Pet Portraits. Anyone with a pet is invited to send a photo of the pet to a newly set-up email address: [petportraits@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:petportraits@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk).

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We have a team of talented artists in Y8 who have volunteered to draw a portrait of your pet for a donation to Guide Dogs. This is wonderful idea which could serve as a lovely gift for someone. If you'd like to take part, simply send in a photo. For more details, please see the presentation on the website.

We hope you feel you can support us in our work for Guide Dogs, and we look forward to blasting through our target by the summer!

Many thanks

**Ms B Smith**  
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