

House Charity Nominations - 'Close to Home'



Dear Children

Each year we like to give each House the opportunity to nominate a charity they feel we should support at Heatherside Junior. This is a really great opportunity for you to put forward your ideas! The money we raise from collections at the Year 6 Production and Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Assemblies is split between the charities and we also hope to plan another House Charity Day later in the year.

This year you are invited to nominate a **registered** charity that is '**Close to Home.**' This might be a local charity or one that is particularly relevant to your family. We are especially keen to hear about less well-known charities which don't always get as much support or publicity. This year, all charities nominated must be those which support people and **not animals.** (Last year we supported Blue Cross and WWF as well as Parkinson's UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital.)

If you wish to nominate a charity, you will need to:

- Make sure they have **Registered Charity** status; this means they will have a Registered Charity number on their website. We are not able to make any donations from school to other groups.
- Find out about the work the charity does, who they support and the ways in which they raise funds and awareness.
- Prepare a **short** speech or proposal. You need to explain
 - What the charity is.
 - Who they raise money for and why.
 - What difference the charity makes and how it the money it raises helps.
 - Why you believe this to be a really important charity to support.

(Please do not prepare any Powerpoint presentations, posters, free gifts etc! Put your thoughts into sharing the important information about the charity itself.)

Mrs Dunn

Voting for House Charities

Depending on how many children in each class want to nominate a charity, the children will either present their speech in class first (and the class will vote on which charities to carry forward) or the speech will go straight to the House Assembly on 26th November. Each class will decide depending on the numbers on whether a 'first vote' is needed.

The final stage is when the Houses vote. Children nominating a charity will make their speech to their whole House and each House will vote for one charity. The House Captains will be there to support and children who may feel nervous about sharing their speech and can always read it with them or for them.

House Assemblies will be held on **Wednesday 26th November.**

We are really looking forward to seeing which charities the children nominate this year and hearing their reasons for choosing them.