



Hughenden Primary School

Working Together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

Date: Friday 12th February 2016

Dear parents,

RE: Wheelchair Day 2016

We are delighted to be taking part in 'Wheels at Work' – a fundraising and awareness campaign led by the charity Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research. On Friday 04th March, 4 of our pupils and 2 teachers will be spending a sponsored day in a wheelchair to gain a small insight into the challenges faced by people with spinal cord injury.

The small independent charity (founded in 2006) is based at Stoke Mandeville and carries out pioneering research to improve the quality of life after paralysis for the 40,000 people living with spinal cord injury in the UK. Every penny raised by the children will enable the charity to:

1. Alleviate the medical complications of spinal cord injury such as pain, pressure ulcers and infections
2. Develop the latest assistive technology to improve rehabilitation
3. Enable people with spinal cord injury to realise their true potential in life

We are delighted to be given the chance to spend more time talking about disability and empathy to the children. We will be highlighting the many achievements that are made by wheelchair users, especially in the run up to the Paralympic Games and will look forward to a special assembly given by Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research on Monday 29th February.

As part of our fundraising efforts, the children are welcome to arrive into school on 'Wheels', this could be in the form of a bike, scooter etc. for the usual £1.00 donation. For safety, please ensure children wear helmets and elbow pads. They will be coming home with special boxes to collect loose change which we would very much like you to hold on to until the end of term.

To find out more about the charity, and the Wheels at Work campaign, please visit www.lifeafterparalysis.com/wheels_at_work.

Your sincerely

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