

## **Groupcall Home to Parents – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

### **Attachments** - National Apprenticeship Week

**House Badges** - We are very proud of our house system and the sense of community that it brings. Within this we are always looking at ways we can improve the system. One of the ways we are looking to do this is to help raise the profile of the houses and make it more visible within the school.

We are offering students the opportunity to buy a house badge that they can wear around school on their blazers. Each badge will display the colour of their house. This will mean that students can identify other students who are in the same house more readily. Added with the introduction of some vertical tutoring sessions, we hope this will continue to grow the house community through the different year groups.

The badges will also represent an opportunity to support our schoolhouse charity for this year - Katharine House Hospice. Any profit from the sale of the badges will be added with other charity initiatives that take place throughout the year.

Badges cost £1.00 and are be available to purchase via ParentPay. The deadline for purchasing the badges will be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Blue Lollies** - We have a large number of students purchasing blue lollies and consuming them on the school premises. We would appreciate Parents and Carers support on discouraging this item being brought to school, please see the link regarding the concerns on eating products such as this. <https://www.confectionerynews.com/Article/2013/01/08/Blue-colors-in-lollipops-present-health-risk-to-kids> E133, the blue colourant contained in these lollies are banned in lots of countries including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Germany. Not forgetting to mention the environmental effect it is having on our school with the huge number of discarded lollipop sticks.

**24-hour Netball sponsorship** - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> into Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February is our 24-hour Netball event! Good luck to all taking part.

Please can all students involved ensure they are collecting sponsorship money as this is a charity event. All proceeds will go to Katherine House Hospice.

**Bright Smile** - Colegate have been running the "Smile Bright" initiative and The Warriner School have been sent over 100 full sized tubes of their "Triple Action" toothpaste and an education leaflet around oral hygiene.

If would like a free tube of toothpaste and an oral education information leaflet, please pop into school, and collect them from reception or email [l.armstrong@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:l.armstrong@warriner.oxon.sch.uk) for more information.

### **National Apprenticeship Week**

Next week marks National Apprenticeship week and in recognition we'd like to share some information from Ask to help guide around apprenticeships.