



8th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements at the Vale of York Academy for Comic Relief which is happening on Friday 24th March. This event raises millions of pounds across the country and of course, we want to do our bit towards this excellent cause.

Firstly, the day will be a non-uniform day, with students being encouraged to come in fancy dress. The Student Council decided the theme for the fancy dress would be 'Celebrities' and it will cost £1 to come in non-uniform, even if it's not fancy dress. There will be prizes for the best 'celebrity lookalikes'.

At break time, the Vale of York Society (formally the Friends of Canon Lee) will be running a bake sale. These are always very popular so please make sure your child has some money if they want one of the lovely bakes! In addition, any donations of baking from students, parents and friends would be very much appreciated.

Incidentally, anyone who is interested in becoming part of the Vale of York Society or offering some help, please contact Mr Orr.

There will be fundraising games at break time and lunchtime for students and staff alike before the main event in the afternoon. Comic Relief this year falls on the same day as the British Heart Foundation's 'Jump Rope for Heart' day, another excellent charity.

For students in Key Stage 3 (Year 7,8 and 9) who raise a minimum of £5 in sponsorship, Mr Rampling is holding a Skip-athon and Mr Orr a Dance-athon in the afternoon. Basically, students and staff involved will need to either skip for the full hour or dance...either way, it will be hard work! Further details will be given to students in due course, however those wishing to participate **must bring their £5 or more sponsorship money into the main office/reception by Thursday 23rd March** so that we can coordinate our registers. Any student bringing money in on the day unfortunately won't be able to take part in the afternoon activities.

Funds raised on the day will be donated to Comic Relief and a further portion which will be sent to the British Heart Foundation to support the great work they do as a charity.

To finish, can I just take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school.

If you have any questions, please do hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

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