



9th October, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank-you once again to all those parents and pupils who raised a great deal of money last year for such good causes. Although the money is very important, it is the understanding of the needs of others and the fundraising itself that teaches your sons and daughters so much about life and caring about other people. With that in mind we have started another **Outreach Group** (last years' S3 have obviously now left) and although it is voluntary, the whole year group have joined and have in fact already started fund raising. A Cake Stall and a Halloween Party have raised over £300 in the first three weeks of term!

It is important for young people that they feel the cause is worthy and that the money goes directly to the needy. We have therefore continued to support the **Sherpa School in Nepal** where we have sponsored Pemba till the age of 16 (He hopes to join the medical profession eventually) and with his approval are now sponsoring a child of eight from a very large and very poor family.

We have become involved with the **Jolly Mercy Learning Centre** in Uganda, a school that educates orphan children who often live on the streets of the city. Queen Mary's pupils want to take this a step further and eventually build a boarding house where the children could live. Although it is a dream sometimes dreams come true!

Recently we had a gentleman from **Hope and Homes for Children** who himself had a dream and now runs Homes all over world. The magic for us was when it transpired that Maddy and Marianne Hunter's Mum had been heavily involved in raising money for this cause and a farm in Sierra Leone had been dedicated to her memory. When all these facts came together it was decided to put Maddy in charge of fundraising for this farm and she has lots of ideas in the pipeline!

All these causes will be part of our 'Fund Raising' at the **Bring and Buy Sale** on **Friday 16th October** at 3.00pm. Your daughters will be asking to be allowed to contribute something to this sale and it is acceptable to bring anything which sells! Usually this is Books, Toys, Bric a Brac, Nearly New Clothes, and Cakes. We know that we are all affected by Cancer, whether it is family or friends and so Friday will also be 'Home Clothes Day' to raise money for **Macmillan Nurses** and **Martin House Hospice for Children**.

Please try and come and support these worthy causes because without people to 'Buy' we cannot raise the money we need to make a difference.

Yours sincerely,

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