



7th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

RED NOSE DAY 2019 – Friday 15th March

Friday 15th March is **Red Nose Day 2019 #RND19**. Our students, parents, carers and staff have been so generous in the past supporting numerous charity events, and this is a national charity that The Ongar Academy would like to support as a community. Let me briefly remind you about Red Nose Day itself, why we take part in it and where the money goes that is raised.

What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief that takes place every two years.
- Comic Relief is a UK Charity which aims to create a world free from poverty.
- Last Red Nose Day, schools and nurseries across the UK raised over £5 million to help vulnerable people both in the UK and in the world's poorest communities.

Why are we taking part?

- Students learn valuable life skills and gain understanding and empathy for others in the world.
- It brings the whole school community together.
- Our school can really make a difference to people's lives.

Where the money goes?

- £3 could pay for crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a Serbian refugee camp.
- £10 could cover the cost of 10 hot meals for a homeless person in the UK.

What will the Ongar Academy will be doing to raise funds for this charity?

- **Sales:** Leading up to Friday 15th March, the school will have RND merchandise that the students can purchase during their tutor time.

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- **Bake sale:** The students and Miss Taylor will be offering yet another fantastic, scrumptious bake sale. All students can bake or donate bought cakes for this sale (please bring them into the food room Friday morning), and then students can purchase these on Friday at Lunchtime, outside the sports hall.
- **Basketball/Netball shoot out competition:** The PE department will give our students the opportunity to be competitive with a basketball/netball shoot out competition at lunchtime. Students will pay 50p to take part to see how many baskets or nets they can score in one minute. There will be prizes for the students with the highest scores in each year for netball and basketball.
- **Quiz:** There will be a Red Nose Day Quiz for students to have some fun with during tutor time.
- **Food:** The school canteen will be baking some special food items in honour of #RND19
- **Karaoke:** There will be a RND Karaoke special in the main hall, led by Mr Camillo and other staff. You can pay to sing your favourite tunes or pay to hear the teachers sing. £1 for a solo performance and 50p for a group.
- **Guess the Cake competition:** The staff will be getting involved in a guess the cake competition to raise additional funds for the school.

We would like all students and staff to accessorise their school uniform for the day with one item of red clothing, we will ask all those participating in this to donate £1 to RND19.

The school would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with our charity events and we hope we can raise lots of funds for Red Nose Day 2019.

Yours Sincerely

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