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Dear Parent

I would like to inform you about a change in our approach to charity fundraising this session. At the end of last session significant work was undertaken by the Charity Committee (both Primary and Senior School) to consider the issue of charity work and fundraising in school. Our main aim was to create a system that allows us to celebrate all of the charitable work that takes place within the Hutchie community, both inside and out of school. Additionally we wanted to address the role of pupil charity representatives and ensure that they have a remit and responsibility within school. As a result and in a move to promote pupil voice, the Charity Committee now consists of pupils, teachers and support staff from Beaton Road and Kingarth Street. In a further departure from previous years, the Charity Committee now has the additional responsibility of reviewing all proposals and deciding on the central school charity each session.

During the first weeks of term all staff and pupils were given the opportunity to propose a charity for central school fundraising this session. We were delighted to receive over 30 nominations for a wide range of charities. The Charity Committee has now reviewed all nominations and I am pleased to inform you that this session we will be supporting **Calum's Cabin** as our central school charity. Funds raised by teacher-organised events such as the cross-country run, talent shows and other pupil events will be allocated to this central fund. Calum's Cabin and Cottage are purpose built countryside retreats situated on the Isle of Bute. They provide a holiday retreat for children suffering from cancer to stay with their families, to spend quality time together. The Cabin and Cottage allow families an escape from rounds of treatments and hospital visits in a relaxed, non-medical surrounding. More information can be found at <http://www.calumscabin.com/>.

In addition to supporting Calum's Cabin we will support and encourage voluntary work and fundraising for other charities throughout the year. Pupils may select charities (subject to approval) that are relevant to their interests and concerns. It is hoped that this will allow us to have a broader involvement with the wider community as well as acknowledging much of the good work that already takes place within the school community.

We would be delighted to hear about pupil volunteering and fundraising efforts, both inside and out of school. Please email windowsm@hutchesons.org or Mrs M Wilson at Kingarth Street WilsonA@hutchesons.org to share these experiences.

Kind regards

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