

Where possible, we like to arrange programmes of support with schools.

By pledging your support for a period of time (i.e.: a term or a year), we can make the most of both your fundraising efforts and our ability to educate and inform students about our work in their community.

You may have your own ideas about how you can support us and we are keen to get involved. Alternatively, here are some simple and popular suggestions...

Autumn term

Enterprise challenge 2009/10

Engage the creativity and resourcing skills of secondary students by entering our Enterprise Challenge. Backed by West Sussex County Council, this popular and educational event raised almost £2,500 in the 2008/09 school year.

Christmas cuddlies

Perfect for primary and middle schools. Small soft toys are supplied on a sale or return basis. Last year this initiative raised over £9,000.

Christmas production in aid of the hospice

Allow St Catherine's to benefit from ticket sales and/or a collection.

Donations in lieu of Christmas cards

Request donations instead of sending Christmas cards at school.

Crawley 10K Race on 18th October 2009

Encourage staff, parents and over 15's to sign up for the 10K Race.

Spring term

Support our charity shops

The perfect time to donate unwanted spring cleaning finds and unused Christmas presents! Simply provide families with our blue bags, encourage them to donate quality clothes, toys, DVDs, etc, and organise a day for them to be returned to your school. We would be happy to collect these from you .

Summer term

End of year charity event

Allow St Catherine's to benefit from ticket sales and/or a collection at your summer fete, sports day or end of year production.

The Sussex Weald Bike Ride

Encourage staff and students to take part in this fun family event and raise sponsorship for this hospice. There are four different routes to choose from.

Midnight Walk

Female staff, family members and over 16's can take part in this exciting challenge taking place in Horsham.

Ideas suitable throughout the school year

Blue bag collection

Blue bag collections can be organised at any time. Bags can be given out before schools events such as sports days and performances. Simply arrange a collection point at the event. St Catherine's can collect the bags from you.

Friendship bracelets

Small stands of friendship bracelets can be supplied on a sale or return basis. We ask for a suggested donation of £1 per bracelet.

Dress down days

Ask students to donate £1 to St Catherine's.

Collection boxes

Perfect for staff rooms and reception desks.

Badges

The sunflower is the flower associated with hospices throughout the UK. If your students are keen badge collectors or if you would simply like to sell these on reception, we would be happy to supply them. Yellow man badges are also available and are popular with children.



Care
Compassion
Understanding

Working together

By encouraging pupils to actively support our charity and making the most of what we can offer your school, students will not only be contributing to a local hospice, they will also be learning more about us and the hospice movement in general.

In return, St Catherine's can provide your school with...

- Support and advice from an experienced schools fundraiser
- Assembly talks adapted to suit your student age range on a variety of subjects including the work of St Catherine's, the hospice movement, current organisational developments and volunteering
- Visits from our clinical staff discussing topics like end of life care and euthanasia
- Professional advice for teachers about bereavement issues
- Speakers for your public fundraising events
- Assistance with local publicity
- Acknowledgement of your support on our website
- Providing you with St Catherine's materials such as display board information, banners, T-shirts, balloons, pens and sponsor forms



Schools and St Catherine's: Supporting each other

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