

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### John Ferneley Colour Dash- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that Year 7 and Year 8 have been invited to take part in a 'Colour Dash' event. The event is running across our MET schools taking place on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. It will involve students running/walking two laps of the John Ferneley College field passing through 'colour stations' where staff and designated students will throw powder paint over the runners giving them a burst of colour.

This event is being hosted to support and raise money for 'Leicester Children's Holiday Charity'. They are a charity who have been providing support and funding for over 125 years to children who may be from low-income families, have suffered bereavements, be a young carer to parents or siblings or need respite for a number of other reasons. They provide support in the form of holidays but also provide access to other funding streams such as 'match funding' and school specific projects which John Ferneley College will be accessing.

Visitors from the charity visited John Ferneley College on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and held an assembly to Year 7 and Year 8 explaining the event. They also played a YouTube clip, so the students could see a 'colour dash' in action, so they know what to expect on the day.

All students were provided with a sponsorship form on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 during tutor time, so they can begin to raise as much money as they can for the Colour Dash. Money can be collected online using the QR code on the sponsor form or brought in using a labelled envelope and handed to their form tutor with the sponsor form inside. **The deadline for sponsorship forms will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please ensure your child writes down who has sponsored them, and the amount given onto their sheet even for online donations as prizes will be available for children depending on how much they manage to raise that tutors will be collating.**

#### Colour Dash Information:

- 1) The colour powder is made from cornflour and is not harmful to children or the environment. The colour will wash out of clothes and off the skin. Please see attached safety and cleaning information provided by Ministry of Colours.
- 2) On Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> we will allow students to come into school for the day in non-school uniform, so they are prepared for the event. Please can they come to school in the below:
  - Old joggers or leggings
  - Old trainers
  - An old white top or white t-shirt (to really display the colour)
  - Bring sunglasses or goggles if they wish (not to be worn in lessons) – these can be worn as eye protection (colour powder will not hurt but many people prefer to

protect their eyes during colour runs as the powder will rise into 'clouds of paint' that they will run through)

- 3) The event will be held in lesson five so students will be going home at the end of the event - parents picking up in cars or students who are on the school buses will need to bring a bin liner/s to cover seats and a coat/jumper/trousers to go over the top to ensure the powder is not transferred onto the transport provider.
- 4) If your child is allergic to corn starch/food colouring then please ensure you have used the 'opt out'.

If you do not want your child to participate in this event, please opt out by emailing Miss Shotton (Assistant Head of Year 8/ Supporting with Year 7) via [kshotton@johnferneley.org](mailto:kshotton@johnferneley.org) by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you do not opt out, then all students will be participating in the 'colour dash.'

For more information on the host charity please see their website:  
<https://leicesterchildrensholidays.co.uk/our-objectives/>

We are hoping that the students really enjoy this event and have fun whilst raising money for a super charity.

If you have any questions or queries about the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Shotton or Miss Meek via email.

Yours sincerely,

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