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Loving, learning and flourishing in community

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Dear Parents,

On your marks, get set, HO HO HO!

This December, The Blake School is supporting Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice, by hosting a DIY Santa Fun Run. Your child will be taking part in the fun run to raise vital funds to support terminally ill children and their families across Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley.

The run will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2023. Your child will run (or walk if they need to) 1km, which is 3.5 laps of the playground circuit. Children will run in their year groups. All children will be offered a Santa Hat to wear as they run and will be given a medal for taking part.

We are inviting children to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House via sponsorship for the run, we are asking each child to (where possible) raise a target of £5. Your child will be bringing home a sponsorship form that you can use, or alternatively, sponsorship can be submitted via our schools [Just Giving Page](#). Please return any completed sponsor forms and money to school by Friday 15th December.

Helen & Douglas House helps local families cope with the challenges of looking after a terminally ill baby or child who will die prematurely. As a staff team this cause is very close to our hearts as Mrs Lynch's son Toby spent his last days at Helen and Douglas House.

Helen & Douglas House is a warm, homely place for local children living with life-limiting and terminal conditions, and their families. They provide round-the-clock care in a comforting environment. Their hospice is filled with laughter, whilst also being a peaceful place where families can create happy memories in their last days, weeks, months or years together.

Each year Helen & Douglas House need to raise over £4m to care for terminally ill children, this Christmas the care Helen & Douglas House provide will not only help families with the practicalities of caring for an ill child, but enable them to make magical, lasting memories.

We are delighted to be supporting them this year and thank you for contributing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Edwards-Grundy'.

Tim Edwards-Grundy