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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that, as a school, we are proudly supporting the St Elizabeth Big Hoot, Little Hoot Learning and Community programme. Following on from the success of Elmer's Big Parade we are now in the proud possession of our Little Hoot Owl and we are excited to start decorating it in preparation for the art trail this summer. It is once more set to be one of the biggest art events in Ipswich this summer.

As part of our involvement in the fantastic project we are raising money directly for the St Elizabeth Hospice. The hospice is constantly developing to meet the needs of people in the local community. Their aim is to help people living with a progressive illness to take back their independence and live the life they have to the full. They support more than 2,000 people each year and the need for their services is growing. They have recently developed a young adult group supporting young people aged 14 and up, with care tailored to their needs.

Our Sixth Form Charity Committee have hosted a bake sale, a charity clothes swap and a raffle and would like to invite your child to join in our non-school uniform day on the last day of the half-term, **Thursday 17th February**. I would like to remind all families that school will be closed on **Friday 18th February**. This is the extra day of school holiday linked to the Queen's Jubilee.

In order to support fundraising through the non-uniform day, we are asking for a donation of £1 via parentpay. During the week leading up to this event all students will get the opportunity to decorate a feather which could be used in the final decoration of our Owl. It is such a fantastic opportunity to support our local community and as a school work cohesively on the decorating and fundraising aspect of this project.

If you would like to learn more about the project information can be found on their website [Learning Programme - The Big Hoot Ipswich 2022 : The Big Hoot Ipswich 2022.](#)

Thank you for your assistance with this and we hope your child/children enjoy the day and help to raise funds for a very good cause.

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Sievewright
Headteacher