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Falling into Autumn 🛝

September was a busy month for us! It was Childhood Cancer Awareness

Month and our time was filled with fundraising, granting wishes, random acts

of kindness and family events.

We have seen so many smiles and want to say a huge thank you to all our incredible volunteers and donors who made it all possible ♥

This newsletter contains just a small sample of all the wonderful things that have been happening...

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Wishes 💢

One of our favourite parts of the work we do here at CWCF is granting wishes to our families. Seeing the smiling faces of our children and families never gets old!

Our most recent wish was to one of our newest families who are still in the midst of treatment, so they really did need a lift and the chance to feel special.



We gave M an iPad, as chosen by Mum and Dad. This will be invaluable in helping to keep her entertained at all those seemingly endless hospital appointments and take her mind off of the treatment.



Not forgetting Mum and Dad of course! They need to feel special too 💗

We gave Mum some beauty treatments at a local salon, and Dad a voucher for haircuts and a round of golf for 4 people so they can both have a well-earned break.

The stress of a childhood cancer diagnosis and its treatment can really put a strain on relationships so we surprised Mum and Dad with an overnight stay at the East Sussex National with dinner, breakfast and a spa day included. We hope that this gives them the chance to spend some quality time together away from the pressure of caring for a child with cancer, which can be overwhelming at times.

Eastbourne Borough FC





In a lovely Random Act of Kindness, we were so excited to receive a phone call from Eastbourne Borough FC offering us 6 tickets for our families to attend their first round FA Cup match against Epsom and Ewell in the VIP box, with hospitality and food all included!

Two lucky families were picked out of the hat for this experience and they had the most "brilliant" time. Our two children were even asked to select the Player of the Match themselves and present him his award. It was an incredible experience for them both.



Thank you to Eastbourne Borough FC and the Acorn Charitable Trust for kindly donating the tickets and giving our families this wonderful opportunity.

Family Events

Masterpiece Pottery /

We had a wonderful afternoon of painting at Masterpiece Pottery this month.

It was a real pleasure to spend some time letting our creative sides run free, and it was the perfect activity for a rainy afternoon. We were impressed with the artistic skills on display and the finished pottery pieces all looked lovely •

The wonderful staff at Masterpiece were so welcoming and friendly and only too happy to help anyone who needed it. They even provided some delicious cakes, snacks and drinks for all to enjoy once they had finished with their painting.



When the rain stopped, the children finally had a whale of a time playing outside together and letting out all the energy they had been holding back that day.

We think that one of the best things about our family events is that no child is ever left out! One of the effects of having experience with cancer, is that we find it makes the children very inclusive, understanding and accepting of differences. And that's part of the magic that makes our CWCF family events feel so safe and welcoming 💢





In a brand new event, our families spent a relaxing afternoon enjoying tea, cake and sandwiches in the beautiful Litlington Tea Gardens

We had a private area at the back of the tea garden, which felt like a really safe space for the children to play and interact together without getting in the way of other customers. And they certainly made the most of it, there was chatting and laughter, tricks with yo-yos and games of super tag taking place.

And the older children weren't left out either. They may not have wanted to join in the games of super tag, but there was a fantastic little shop to the side of our seating area where the teenagers whiled away some of the time between courses, finding and purchasing some real gems



Every family had an allocated table at the start of the event but the tables were soon moved around and pushed together as families wanted to socialise and chat together more easily. It was wonderful to see old friendships in full flow as well as new friendships forming.



Fundraising

Vintage Lunch **₩**

The lovely Nan of one of our amazing children organised and hosted a Vintage Lunch at St Margaret's Church last month. She, along with other volunteers, did an incredible job of preparing wonderful cakes and other goodies and raised a huge £1,500!

Thank you very much to everyone who was involved in making the event such a success: the volunteers, sponsors and all who donated money, raffle prizes and cakes.



These funds will go such a long way to making a positive difference in the lives of children with cancer and their families. Thank you!



What's Coming Up **10**

Beachy Head Marathon and 10K 3

Beachy Head Marathon is taking place on the 25th and 26th October.

We are looking for runners to run for Children with Cancer Fund this year. Whether you'd like to take on the full marathon, half marathon or a 10K, we'd love for you to join our team.

If you don't want to run, come on down and soak in the atmosphere while joining us in cheering on the runners



Could You Be One Of CWCF's Dream Makers?

Childhood cancer remains one of the most devastating diseases affecting children worldwide. The emotional and financial toll it takes on families is unimaginable. To become a Dream Maker, we are asking you to commit to a monthly donation of just £25 to Children with Cancer Fund. By donating this amount, you will become an integral part of our mission to support families battling childhood cancer, from diagnosis, throughout treatment, and beyond.

Make their dreams reality



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need your donations! We are collecting jewellery and beads which we can upcycle and turn into gifts for our lucky dips at our upcoming fundraising events. We are also in need of teddies, soft toys and unopened bottles for our tombolas.

Drop your donations into our office Monday - Friday 9:30 - 4:30 🥭 🍾 🧸

!! PLEASE NOTE: We can't accept used earrings for hygiene reasons !!