

# E-NEWSLETTER

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### Here comes the sun 🌦

What a month we've had! We had some brilliant fundraising and family events in May and we have been continuing to put smiles on the faces of our children and families.

Read on for more details about what we've been up to...

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### **Volunteers Week**



It's Volunteer's week from Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th June 💢

We would like to take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on our incredible team of volunteers we have here at Children with Cancer Fund and share how much we appreciate them! We simply would not be here today without our volunteers. From our past volunteers who worked so hard to get Children with Cancer Fund off the ground in the early days to our current volunteers, without whom we couldn't function in the way we currently do and of course, those incredible people who have been there from the very beginning and are still offering their unwavering support today! We salute you all 😭

There is never a day that goes by without us needing the help and hard work of our volunteers and they are all absolutely vital to us continuing our work. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, you are superheroes!



If you would like to take part then we've got some great ways for you to get involved with volunteering right here at Children with Cancer Fund!

At the moment, our greatest need is for volunteers who would like to help us while out and about at our fundraising events, of which there are many! Our fundraising events are absolutely crucial for us to get money in to be able to continue supporting our children and families as well as for raising awareness of our charity and the work we do.

The great things about volunteering with fundraising events are the variety tasks you can get involved with, meeting lots of new people and, above all, it is great fun!

Please do get in touch with us if you would like to get involved.

**Become A Volunteer Here** 

## **Family Events**

#### **Smugglers Adventure**

We had a lovely day out Smugglers Adventure in Hastings. Not knowing what to expect, as it was a first time visit for many of us, we were eager to get inside and explore the caves. We weren't disappointed.

There were endless interactive displays, videos and caves to be discovered and explored and the children were thrilled to be able to do this with friends. Even our hosts, Peter and Sylvie, got involved in the action and were more than happy to be trapped in the stocks.



After finishing at the caves, we made our way down to the seafront for lunch at the Pelican Diner. We were lucky enough to have the top floor all to ourselves so we had lots of opportunity for chatting and mingling. The food was delicious and all our families had a lovely time. One said: "Made some new friends and always lovely to chat to other families who have been through treatment. Food was amazing. Thanks for a great day"

This event was such a great success, we're sure we'll be back to do it all again!

#### **Drusillas Dreamnight**

We were lucky enough to once again be awarded tickets for Drusillas Dreamnight which took place at the end of May. This is one event that we always look forward to as it is always such a magical evening and gives our children a much needed treat and break from treatment. The Drusillas staff and all the other providers of the evening are alway brilliant and this evening was no different.

Our families were absolutely buzzing with excitement as they lined up ready to be let in for an evening of fun. Once they got into the park, they were spoilt for choice as to what to do first! There was sport, a toy tombola, BBQ, temporary tattoos, rides, climbing walls, soft play, play areas and of course the zoo animals all to be explored and everything was offered free of charge! The children relished the chance to be free and take part in anything they wanted to.

It was truly a magical evening. A much needed break from treatment and a chance to explore everything Drusillas has to offer without worrying about money, which we know is a huge concern for families facing childhood cancer. The smiles and joy on the faces of every child in attendance were heartwarming to see  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 



Thank you so much to Drusillas for hosting this event and all the suppliers and partners who generously donated their time and goods to make the evening so magical!

# **Fundraising**

#### **Abseiling the Spinnaker**

Just look what one of our wonderful fundraisers has been up to recently!



We were astounded to see some amazing photos from Paula who took on the breath-taking challenge of abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. It is lovely to see her beaming in all the photos, she clearly had the best time and certainly put the 'FUN' into fundraising. She definitely has a better head for heights than most us here in the CWCF team and we were thrilled to hear all about her adventures when she came into the office after she had completed the challenge.

She raised an incredible £300 and we are so grateful to her! As always, we will put this money to great use for our families.

Paula is already planning her next adrenaline fuelled challenge and we would love to hear from you too if you would like to organise your own event or fundraiser! Please contact fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk. We can't wait to see what inventive challenges you can come up with next!

# Eastbourne Carnival



We had a fantastic day at Eastbourne Carnival this month. Despite the grey skies and windy weather, the carnival was full of fun and sunshine.

Huge thanks go to the incredible team at CJ Thorne who provided us with the low loader for the day and undertook the challenge of decorating it with lots of amazing festive inflatables. They really outdid themselves. The float looked incredible, stood out from the crowd and represented our charity brilliantly.

Thank you also to our volunteers who turned up to walk alongside our float and raise awareness of Children with Cancer Fund.



#### Eastbourne Chamber Charity Golf Day 🏌

On Friday 16th May, Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce held their Charity Golf Day at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Course and we were lucky enough to be their chosen charity.

18 teams took part on a lovely, sunny day. They started the day with breakfast followed by a great day of golf. In the evening there was a dinner with a raffle and auction, raising funds for Children with Cancer Fund.

Thank you to all the companies and individuals who attended on the day and helped to raise money and support our work!



The results of the day were:

1st place went to Advanta Chartered Accountants

2nd place went to Taylors Restaurant and Sports Bar

3rd place went to Eastbourne Car Auctions



Thank you to Group 1 Hailsham BMW and Mini who very generously sponsored the event and to Mango Insurance who donated the insurance for the Hole-in-One competition to win a brand new BMW!

## What's Coming Up ••

#### **Summer Garden Party**

Once again, we are one of the chosen charities for this lovely Garden Party in Seaford. There will be plenty going on, so drop by if you can!

We are looking for volunteers to support at this event so please get in touch with Irene at fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk if you can help us out.



#### 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.





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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 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 !!

