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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas and wish everybody a very Happy New Year! We are so excited for all the brilliant events and fundraising activities we have already got planned and there is such a lot more to come. For many of our families there may be difficult times to come in the year ahead, which is why we will be working as hard ever to support them and make life a little bit easier where we can 💚

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Panto and Party



Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to the panto we go...

We all had an AMAZING time at this year's panto, Snow White, at Devonshire Park Theatre in Eastbourne. There were laughs, cheers and boos aplenty as the children (and adults) all happily got involved in the action. This year's cast was outstanding, as always, and the theatre provided a beautiful setting. As an additional treat, the cast came along to our Christmas party straight after the performance and met with our children and families. They were happy to pose for photos, chat and dance with us all and help to make the evening even more special.



After all the fun of the panto, the families made their way over to our Christmas party at the Winter Gardens in Eastbourne which was, again, a fabulous venue to have all our families in one space able to see all the treats and activities on offer and to chat, mingle and dance.

There was so much on offer on the night. We had Jaws and Claws offering the children the chance to get up close with a variety of exotic animals, including snakes, frogs and millipedes. We had balloon modelling, a photo booth, a craft area, facepainting and temporary tattoos, Happyjacks soft play for the little ones, pick and mix sweets and an Adele tribute act up on the stage. We all had fun trying out all the different activities before a buffet dinner was served by the lovely team at the Winter Gardens.

The onto the main event which the children had been waiting for! All the children were invited to Santa's Grotto where they had the chance to meet Father Christmas and then head into an area piled high with toys and gifts to choose from The expressions of joy and amazement on the children's faces when they saw the incredible choice of offer was a pleasure to see!

We want to say a massive, massive thank you to everyone who donated toys and gifts for the children in preparation for our party. The number of presents we had for the children to choose from this year was truly remarkable and helped to make the evening magical for them



As a surprise extra, we even had a brief, impromptu visit from the fire service with one of their fire engines and we were able to climb inside and have a look at some of the equipment on board! This certainly made the day for a lot of our children

After all this excitement, we had a lot of tired but very happy families leaving at the end of the evening. Thank you to everyone who made it possible but especially to our amazing volunteers who came through yet again to make this an evening to remember. And of course, to our brilliant Events Co-ordinator, Jess, who did an outstanding job organising and ensuring the evening ran smoothly

Thank you to the Gaby Hardwicke Foundation for very kindly sponsoring this event and to Stears Photography for the incredible photos of the evening.

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# **Family Events**

Lightning Fibre Ice Rink 😓



On the 12th December some of our families had the chance to glide on the ice at the Lightning Fibre Ice Rink in Eastbourne. It was an evening full of fun, laughter and maybe just a few falls!

The ice rink looked beautiful lit up with Christmas lights and the atmosphere got everyone feeling very festive. The families had a private session of skating and they all quickly got involved on the ice with smiles all round.

When the session was over, the families regrouped outside for much needed warming hot chocolates and dinner in the form of hot dogs and burgers. It was a great opportunity for the children to chat and discuss Christmas plans . And as one of our lovely children said, the best part was "having quality time with family" which is something these families need more than most .

Thank you to Lightning Fibre and Feastival Events for making this event possible.



### **FUN AT THE FOOTBALL**



We were thrilled when we received an offer of football tickets from Ashley at Enterprise Mobility which we were able to pass on to one of the families we support. We sent them off to see the match and what a thrill it was for them. They had a "simply amazing time" and we loved seeing the smiles on their faces.

Donations like these make such a difference to families' wellbeing when they are able to have breaks from treatment for wonderful activities they aren't usually able to enjoy. Thank you to Enterprise for their donation





In the run up to Christmas we had an abundance of wonderful people wanting to help and fundraise for us. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Here are just a few of our highlights.

The absolutely amazing Charlotte very bravely decided to have her hair shaved off before Christmas in front of the customers at Langney Shopping Centre Her commitment to fundraise for Children with Cancer Fund was truly remarkable and incredibly, she raised over £1000 for us!!



The lovely team at the Pig and Butcher held a quiz evening and raffle and raised £1355. Well done to all @



Tesco Hampden Park held a toy collection for us in store in the run up to Christmas and then donated all the toys to the children and were used at the Panto Party. They also invited us along to run our own toy sale at the front of the store to raise additional funds. We had a great time on the day raising awareness of Children with Cancer Fund to new audiences.



We were lucky enough to be chosen as the Charity of the Year by Dawson Hart Solicitors. Their team have been busily fundraising and holding events for us all year. They recently tallied up all the money raised and presented us with a cheque for over £8500. This remarkable amount will make a massive difference to the work we are able to do for our families and we are incredibly grateful.



We have to say a special thank you to Fizz on Foot who we have partnered with on many events over the years we have been involved with them. They recently held the last event with us which were were so pleased to attend and had a wonderful time raising more funds with a raffle held on the night. Thank you Fizz on Foot ♥



## Easy Fundraising

Even though Christmas is now over for another year. You can still help us by signing up to Easyfundraising. By using Easyfundraising when doing your online shopping, retailers will make a donation directly to us.

Every penny adds up to make a big difference to our families \*



# What's Coming Up

Run to Run 2025

Since we are officially into 2025, now would be the perfect time to sign up for your tickets for our upcoming Run to Run event!

It is taking place this year on Saturday 31st May at 10am and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Please spread the word to friends and family or anyone else who would love to get involved .



Sign Up Here



We are always looking for more volunteers to join our amazing team. If you have some spare time and would love to help us out please get in touch

Please contact fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk or 01323 488561.

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#### 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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