



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

20th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Monaghan's Mini Marathon Challenge

As some of you may know Mr Monaghan will be running 26.2 miles in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April for his chosen charity Marie Curie. Marie Curie provides free specialised end-of-life nursing care, hospice services and support to people with any terminal illness and their families.

On Friday 24th April to help raise money and awareness for this charity Mr Monaghan is asking for the support of our families and community by asking us to "Run the Distance to London".

Each class will be contributing laps towards a total of 420 laps which is the length from Hebburn to London. Our theme for the day is London/Marie Curie. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue to represent London or yellow to represent Marie Curie on the day. We will take part in lots of fun challenges, both in class and on the track.

- ✓ Laps will be marked on the field or playground
- ✓ Children will be sponsored per lap (all cash collected will be paid into Mr Monaghan's just giving page)
- ✓ Every lap = 100m
- ✓ Each class contributes laps.
- ✓ Extra class challenges will be provided
- ✓ Mr Monaghan goes into the stocks if we reach the target (this is the best bit) 😊

Mr Monaghan will track the total distance on a big poster shaped like the route of the London Marathon so we can see our progress throughout the day.

We are sure this will be a fun packed day which all the children (and staff) will enjoy.

Please find your sponsor form attached.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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