



Friday 12th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sponsored Star-Jumps – Saving New Brainstorm School - #leap4africa

2016 is a Leap Year and, on Leap Day itself – Monday February 29th February – the children will be undertaking a sponsored star-jump, with the proceeds going to our **Saving New Brainstorm School** initiative.

On the day, everyone will be star-jumping in the morning and there will be a prize in each class for the child who manages the most.

Over the mid-term break it would be wonderful if your child can obtain sponsorship using the attached form. Sponsorship monies paid by cheque qualify for Gift Aid (allowing our partner charity, **Empower a Child UK**, to increase revenue from the event by claiming 25% tax back) – so we would ask that, wherever possible, sponsors pay by personal cheque – with the cheques payable to **Empower a Child UK** and with “Saving New Brainstorm School” on the reverse. Cash (exact amounts only) can be accepted but will not qualify for Gift Aid.

Grown-ups and children over 8 have also the exciting option of completing Longridge’s **Leap of Faith**. People undertaking this leap may also seek sponsors using a copy of the children’s sponsorship form. Further details, including a link to book a place, are here: www.cookhamriseprimary.org/leap4africa/

On Leap Day – and indeed throughout the rest of this Leap Year – you can help promote the Saving of New Brainstorm School by using the hashtag **#leap4africa** on social media sites (such as Twitter and Facebook) when posting pictures of you, your children, friends and family leaping in places far and wide – help us make this go viral on the Internet!

The **#leap4africa** has been developed to help promote the work of **Empower a Child UK** (helping to save New Brainstorm School) and **Partners for Change Ethiopia** and their work in Africa. It is the official social media hashtag for the *Leap For Africa* and *Cookham Leaps for Africa* which are initiatives supported by the **Cookham Community Social Action Group**. If you are interested in being more personally involved in this valuable work, please speak to Mrs Peters or Mr Rhodes about it.

Meantime, enjoy half-term and the opportunity for your children to train as star-jumping champions! 😊

Kind regards,

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