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January 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

One of our parents, who has children at both Highfield Primary School and Blacon High School (Mr Lee Challinor) has worked tirelessly to secure funding for our local schools to have defibrillators. As you know, this is an important piece of medical equipment that could prove crucial and life-saving in ensuring that staff and pupils get vital medical support in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

Mr Challinor, along with some fantastic support from members of our local community, has already raised a considerable percentage of the money needed to ensure that every school in Blacon gets a defibrillator, together with the necessary training in its use. He is continuing to raise funds and has organised a **balloon release to take place on Friday, 14th February**. **Every pupil, at each of the Blacon schools, will release a balloon, with a card with their name on it, and there will be a prize of £100 for the balloon that travels the furthest.** Mr Challinor collects the returned cards over a two month period.

Pupils will release their balloons in their own school grounds at 2.15pm on Friday, 14th February and the press will record this great charity event here at Blacon High School. There will be a representative group of pupils from each of the schools at Blacon High to share their experience with the press and media covering the event.

On behalf of all our local schools I would like to thank Mr Challinor for organising this fantastic charity event and the commitment of his time and resources to ensure that all our schools receive this potentially life-saving equipment. To help secure further funding for the defibrillators **we are asking pupils to donate £1** (although no pupil will be disadvantaged). **This covers the cost of entry into the competition; all the name cards have been delivered to the schools in readiness and will be attached to the balloons on the day. Our pupils can bring in their £1 contributions at any point before 14th February and we trust that you will want to support such a worthwhile cause.**

We are looking forward to this special event which should prove to be an enjoyable and well publicised event for our community of schools in Blacon. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Challinor and his team of helpers for all their hard work in this important charity work.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Yates (Headteacher, Blacon High School)

On behalf of all the Headteachers in our Blacon schools

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Blacon High School Arrangements for Balloon Release Event on Friday, 14th February 2014

3 February 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will have read overleaf Blacon High School is hosting this high profile event organised by Mr Challinor and we are expecting significant media coverage and some VIP guests for the occasion.

In order to facilitate the smooth running of the event (and so much hinges on the weather) we are making some changes to the timing of the school day.

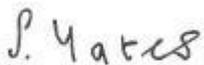
Lunch will be at the earlier time of 12.50pm and students will return to tutor rooms by 1.40pm

Students will be escorted by Tutors and Progress Leaders from main school to the tennis courts or Sports Hall (dependent on weather conditions) and prepare for the balloon release at 2.15pm approx.

Students will be dismissed from school by Tutors at around 2.30pm - it is difficult to give a precise time with an event such as this.

A small number of students will be involved in the formal presentation of the defibrillators to schools after the balloon release and will leave school at the usual time. (Students involved in this part of the event will be notified in advance.)

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Mrs Sue Yates
Headteacher