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Reach for the Stars

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Dear parents/carers

Wear Red for Zac Day - 28th September 2018

The school recently received an email from the Local Authority requesting our help with this message:

'Zach from Broseley, Shropshire is 4 years old and has an exceptionally rare form of cancer — in fact he is the only child in the UK to have it at the moment. He was diagnosed in May and after a rollercoaster 3 months of chemotherapy and steroids, there is little hope that he will survive. Or there was... until his incredibly tenacious parents managed to find a window of opportunity and a possible miracle cure.

Cart T treatment is available in America — and has had stunning success rates, Zach meets the criteria for a trial for this therapy, but only if he does not have the next round of chemotherapy which is due in 6 weeks.

Novartis who produce the drug have said that they will give it to him for free, Virgin Atlantic will help however they can, BUT the hospital bed and care necessary in Philadelphia hospital for several months over three years will cost a fortune that his parents do not have. They have started to raise money but need another £450,000.

Shropshire schools have therefore been asked to take part, and most in this area certainly are. Please can our children bring in a donation of at least £1 and wear red on Friday 28th September so we can do our bit for the appeal.

To find out more information and to play your small part please go to: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/zac-oliver?utm term=Np8mmJ44W

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachael Williams (Headteacher)

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