



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today is Red Nose Day. Today is a day we think about others in worse situations than ourselves and give some money, time or effort to support and help them. For some of our children it just means that they get to come to school in their pyjamas but we hope we will try and get the message across that it is more than this.

However, like so many things, it comes down to money. At a time when the government has cut overseas aid spending and is making cuts to welfare just to try and make the books balance, we all are having the same difficulties in our workplaces and in our own homes. I have shared with you previously the school cuts website ([here](#)). This shows that our school and your children's school has lost almost £900,000. As a Headteacher I always want to do as much as I can for the children at the school, but I want you to understand we are hampered from being able to do this at times.

It was fantastic to see so many of you last night at our Pathways Evening for Year 9 students. I asked my Senior Leadership Team the question what four subjects they would pick if they had their time again. Knowing what you know now, it is an interesting question to ask yourself would you have made the same choices when you were 14.

We have unfortunately seen a drop in our attendance to school over the last few weeks. We always would rather work with families to help get children into school so if we can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact our attendance team or your child's Head of Year who will be more than happy to help.

I hope you have a lovely weekend - shame the weather did not hold.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher