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Dear Parents and Pupils,

What a week ahead we have at school!

Wheelchair basketball for all pupils on Monday. This was so much fun last year we had to book again!

On Tuesday we have our first PTA meeting in school at 7pm and I am looking forward to seeing lots of new members and keen volunteers. The PTA has always been such a success at Irthington, not only raising lots of much needed money, but also for bringing families together and enjoying social events such as the summer BBQ. So please don't be shy, come along and help us plan another great year ahead!

I am extremely excited and proud that parents, pupils and families connected to Irthington Village School are going to be supporting 2 amazing fundraising events at the end of next week; MacMillan and Children's Cancer Research.

On Friday afternoon we have our MacMillan coffee afternoon at 2pm, and I know that many of you are already baking, making and 'faking' something delicious for us to sell. Marie, Emma and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone in school for this fantastic cause! If you can't make it, you can send in a donation and if you would like your child to buy a cake then please send in some money and a member of staff will take them in

Cumbria's first ever Carlisle Children's Cancer run will take place on Sunday morning (29<sup>th</sup>) from 10am at Bitts Park. There will be a one, three or five mile route to choose from and everyone, of all ages, is welcome to take part. There will be an event village with live music, children's activities and food stalls to keep everyone entertained and make it a great family day out.

I know that many of you have already signed up on line, if anyone hasn't and would still like to, there are spare fliers in the school office.

To make this event more special I wonder if everyone connected to the school who is running might wear their school uniform PE tops and meet 20 minutes before the start of the race for a photo opportunity? There is a schools' meeting point where we could all meet up. I know that at other big races, schools often start the race together. All being well, one of our very own pupils will be starting the race with Robbie Dee! I also happen to know that there is a schools' leader board, let's try and make it onto that board!!!

It would be really helpful if I could have a rough idea of how many of you are taking part, so if you could let me know I would be really grateful.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of you who have helped to transform the school and grounds over the summer holiday. Every single visitor to school has commented on the decorating and the garden. I know this has already been mentioned in previous correspondence, but a huge thank you to the decorators ably led by Diane Bryant and Jill Little. Also to the Graham family and Ridley family who have completely transformed the school picnic benches. These benches were about to be thrown away. Thanks to a lot of hard work they have been repaired and repainted.

Great job everyone!

Yours sincerely,

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