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Dear Mrs McCarthy, staff, children and parents,

Hope you are all well despite the strange circumstances we all find ourselves in.

We have finally managed to count all the wonderful funds that you raised for your Reindeer Fun activity last December. Sorry it has taken so long to do this and to write and thank you.

Your funds came to a phenomenal **£7,295.00** – wow!. (the highest amount raised out of the 76 other schools and groups). Thank you for also getting your donors to complete the envelopes and for retuning them. We are now able to claim back from the Tax office an additional **£997.99 in Gift Aid** from your funds raised.

This incredible amount means that you and your generous donors truly understand just how valuable our free services are to the families who are cared for by Chestnut Tree House, all who have a very poorly child.

Especially now, these poorly children and families are even more vulnerable, and we are working very carefully and sensitively in supporting them through this crucial time.

Our Community Team are visiting the children in their homes if they can, and our Activity Team are making up play activity packages and delivering these for the children and their siblings to play with, giving parents and carers some time to rest and relax. Your funds will enable us to provide the care and support needed:

**Nurse home visit** £70 enables a nurse to make a home visit to a child in their own home – providing some respite and support for the family.

**Telephone support** £25 helps pay for the Chestnut Tree House team to make phone calls to struggling families, ensuring they get the support they need.

**Child's activity packs** £5 can pay for a personalised activity and craft packs for children shielding at home.

We need to keep going and be here for these children and their families, and your support helps us to continue providing this essential care.

Heartfelt thanks for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Kind regards,

*Caroline*

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