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People with time for Children

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Dear Parents,

National Kawasaki Disease Day – Thursday 26th January 2017

We have been asked to raise money for Kawasaki Disease as it affects some members of the school community. For a donation of £1.00 children may wear something red into school on Thursday 26th January 2017.

Kawasaki Disease is an illness that primarily affects young children. It is characterized by an inflammation of the blood vessels throughout the body. Approximately 75% of the patients are under 5 years old but it can affect older children too.

Early symptoms include:

- A fever that lasts for several days
- Rash that is often worse in the groin area
- Red eyes
- Bright red swollen or cracked lips
- Strawberry tongue which appears with shiny bright red spots
- Swollen hands and feet
- Redness on the palms and soles of the feet
- Swollen lymph nodes

Most children will make a complete recovery but children who have suffered heart problems will need to be closely monitored by a cardiologist.

The cause of the illness is mostly unknown at present and the Kawasaki Foundation strives to increase early detection and treatment of the disease. Further information can be found at their website.
www.KDfoundation.org

Many thanks

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