

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School



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**Headteacher Mrs L Morton**

Dear Parents/Carers,

16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

On **Wednesday 24th June**, we will be holding our annual "**Wear a Kit for Jack**" fundraising day.

We invite children to come to school wearing their favourite sports kit, whether that be football, dance, rugby, gymnastics, or their PE kit, in exchange for a donation. All proceeds will be shared between **The Jack Riding Foundation** and **Queenscourt Hospice**.

Jack was a former pupil of Great Crosby. He had a passion for football and excelled in the sport. Tragically, he passed away at the age of 19 after collapsing on the football pitch due to an undiagnosed heart condition called **Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC)**.

This condition can often be identified through a simple screening test costing approximately £50. The Jack Riding Foundation raises funds to provide these potentially life-saving tests free of charge to young sportspeople aged 16–35. Unfortunately, younger children cannot be screened as the condition cannot reliably be detected before the age of 16.

Following the school day, we will be hosting the **DeMott-Riding Tournament**, which will begin at approximately **3:30pm**.

This annual tournament has been renamed in memory of our much-loved teacher, **Mrs DeMott**, who sadly passed away last year. Mrs DeMott played a key role in working alongside the Riding family to establish this tournament in Jack's memory. We are proud to honour her legacy by continuing this special event and supporting Queenscourt Hospice, whose staff provided exceptional care during her final weeks.

We would be extremely grateful for any donation you are able to make. The funds raised will support both Queenscourt Hospice and The Jack Riding Foundation. Queenscourt Hospice continues to face significant financial challenges, while The Jack Riding Foundation supports organisations such as CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), helping to fund screening programmes and raise awareness. Since the foundation was established, a number of young athletes have been diagnosed and treated, enabling them to go on to live full and healthy lives.

This annual tournament brings together local schools to compete for the **DeMott-Riding Cup**, and we are delighted that Great Crosby will be entering two teams this year.

There will also be plenty of activities for families to enjoy, including football sessions run by **ProSkills Football**, games, sweets, and ice cream available to purchase. All money raised will be shared between Queenscourt Hospice and The Jack Riding Foundation.

We hope you will be able to support both the fundraising day and the tournament. Your generosity will help us raise much-needed funds for two incredibly important causes.

**Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.**

Yours sincerely,

Claire Sharrock, Assistant Headteacher