

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year our sponsored event will be for the charity COCO, which is a registered children's charity working on closely monitored education and healthcare initiatives that make a big difference to the lives of children living in poverty throughout the developing world. Founded by former Olympic athlete Steve Cram in 2000, COCO has since raised over £1.7 Million, helping to fund children's projects in developing countries, primarily those in Africa. Currently COCO is working in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and Ghana.

COCO fund small projects that encourage community involvement and capacity building and projects that represent an investment in and a commitment to brighter futures for children. The website provides more information: [www.coco.org.uk](http://www.coco.org.uk).

Our Chair of Governors, John Baines, is climbing Kilimanjaro in February next year to raise funds to support the work of this organisation. As a result of our involvement we will be helping to set up a school in a village called Londoto (an extremely dry and desolate area in the Kilimanjaro region) they require funds to equip the school with books, shelves, desks and also to help with uniforms. John will be able to visit the school after his climb and set up a link between both schools.

The children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a sponsored sports circuit, appropriate to their age, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at school. They will need their school PE kit and a bottle of water. As some of you may know Steve Cram is a Sunderland supporter, to gain extra sponsorship the children could wear a Sunderland shirt when taking part in the event.

Many thanks in anticipation for your support,

Melanie Maitland

John Baines