



Dear parent/guardian,

It's Rudy the reindeer here from the North Pole to talk about a very special mission Santa has set me this year. This year, I have teamed up with Lincolnshire's Education Business Partnership to help Heighington Millfield Primary Academy to host their very own Rudy's Run event in support of St Barnabas Hospice!

Rudy's Run is all about school children having festive and educational fun whilst raising much needed funds for St Barnabas Hospice.

Each child will receive a free pair of antlers and red nose to wear as they run, walk or prance the Rudy's Run route. They can even keep them for family festivities at home! I have sent Heighington Millfield Primary Academy a Santa suit for one lucky teacher to wear whilst keeping the reindeers in formation!

St Barnabas Hospice is renowned for its outstanding end-of-life care for adults, but they also provide pre and post bereavement support for families too. This invaluable support is free for anyone in Lincolnshire who is struggling with loss, and more work is being done right now at St Barnabas to create a specialist bereavement service for children as young as five.

Losing a parent, sibling or grandparent can be extremely traumatic for a child, but it is something which one in thirty children are going through each day. Rudy's Run has been designed to highlight our bereavement support and to continue funding it throughout our toughest year to date.

Heighington Millfield Primary Academy has set up a JustGiving page to collect sponsorship money from family, friends and supporters. I would be so grateful if you would consider sponsoring your child and sharing the link to help our such a wonderful hospice. Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heighingtonmillfieldrudysrun>.

Rudy's Run is all about inclusivity and will be a great way for the children to come together and make a real difference to people across Lincolnshire who use the hospice services.

I hope you will support your child in this fundraising event and help boost the school fundraising total to give patients and their families at St Barnabas Hospice a joyful Christmas.

Got to dash now – Santa is calling me for flying practice!

Best wishes,

Rudy



**P.S.** Use #RudysRun when talking about this event on social media!

