

The Big Sleep Out: sponsored event for Framework

As mentioned in my last newsletter, I am writing with further information on 'The Big Sleep Out' which takes place in school on **11th November** for children in years 4, 5 and 6. The aim of the event is to raise money for Framework who do amazing work, empowering people to overcome homelessness, addiction, mental ill-health and unemployment - in Nottingham and across the UK. This event has been suggested by a group of year 6 children and I think you'll agree, is a really fun way for them to show service to others.

A member of the Framework team will be coming to deliver an assembly to the children on Friday 4th November to tell them more about the great work they are doing to combat homelessness. Attached to this letter is a sponsor form for your child to get as many donations as they can for this very worthwhile cause.

For those children wishing to take part you will need to:

- Arrive at your allocated time (not before). Y6: 6pm Y5: 6.30pm and Y4: 7pm. Parents are welcome to come into school to help settle children into the area where they will be sleeping and will need to leave before the next year group arrives. You can, if you wish to, bring siblings together.
- return to school **in your pyjamas** – after you have had dinner at home.
- bring something to sleep in e.g. a sleeping bag. You may also choose to bring some cardboard to lie on / in – perhaps make your very own cardboard home like the pictures below. Please don't make them too big though or we won't all fit in!
- bring your toothpaste and toothbrush

Please note that most children will be sleeping on the hall floor and, depending on how many take part, it is likely that some will need to go into classrooms too. Please be aware that school is likely to get quite cold overnight so you will need to ensure children have plenty of bedclothes to keep them warm.

After the children have 'set themselves up' in their sleeping area, they will play outside for a while before coming inside to watch a film. We will then enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits followed by a liturgy. Lights out will be at 10pm (we hope!)

Children will be given a small breakfast in the morning – likely a croissant and a drink. We will of course cater for any children with allergies. They will need to be **collected promptly** at 7am to allow staff to get to bed!

Many thanks to the staff who have kindly offered to support this fundraiser by either supervising the children overnight or coming early to give out breakfast and clear away.

If you have any further questions about the event, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Toner (also Nancy, Amelia and Aimee from Year 6)

