

Dear Parent

This term your child's school is involved with Farleigh Hospice in a Joint Fundraising Project called 'The Virtual Balloon Race'. The actual race starts on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for seven days. All of the balloons are virtual (no animals can be harmed) and they will be launched from Farleigh Hospice, North Court Road, Chelmsford, CM1 7FH using the real weather conditions.

The balloons cost £3.00 each and can be bought online on the <http://rabr.co/far> (please see the instructions to buy your balloon). It is very important when creating your account you select the school your child goes to plus the name of your child in the 'ticket sold by' box.

The reason it is important to select the correct school is because of the prizes that are on offer:

1. Vouchers to Madison Heights in Maldon - family of four bowling and vouchers towards Monkey Puzzle for the balloon that travels the furthest - the school linked to the winning balloon will win £100 (if you do not select a school, they cannot win).
2. The pupil in each school that sells the most balloons will win a family voucher for four to Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park in South Woodham Ferrers.

If the pupils name is not written into the 'ticket sold by' box, the sold balloons cannot be allocated to your son/daughter and it will not show how many balloons they have sold, therefore they will not qualify to win prize no.2.

All balloons must be bought and entered into the race before the 10<sup>th</sup> March. Once the race starts, you can follow your balloon 24/7. You can see how far it has travelled and when and if it pops! This is a fun event for children and adults.

If you have any problems when decorating your balloons please email Farleigh Hospice on [fundraising@farleighhospice.org](mailto:fundraising@farleighhospice.org)

Thank you for your support. It is because you care that we can...

Good Luck and enjoy the Virtual Balloon Race.



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