

29<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parent / carer,

## Farewell to The Bears of Sheffield - an update from the Charity Team:

The Bears of Sheffield sculpture trail is officially coming to an end. After 80 days, our 161 'bearilliant' bears will be leaving the streets of Sheffield on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We have had an incredible summer with 'unbearlievable' support from everyone who has got involved with the trail, and we can't thank you enough for supporting the trail and helping us to redevelop our Cancer and Leukaemia ward at Sheffield Children's.

The support we have had from the schools, nurseries and colleges who have had their own Little Bear has just been 'pawsome'. So far, we have raised nearly **£110,000** just from your fundraising! This will help us build a ward that is bigger, brighter and a home away from home for the patients we treat each year for cancer, leukaemia and blood disorders.

Before your Little Bear is returned to your nursery, school or college, we are giving you the chance to see all 100 of the Little Bears together once more at our Bye Bye event. The event will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Kelham Island Museum between 11am and 4pm. It is free of charge and exclusive to the staff, students and parents of our little bear schools. It will be the final time all the Little Bears will be together and we would love to see you there!

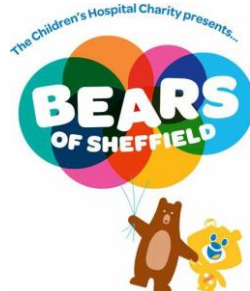
We also have our Farewell event taking place from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Meadowhall. This will be your final chance to see the 61 of the Big Bears altogether. The Big Bears will then be auctioned off to their forever homes to help raise the needed funds for our Cancer and Leukaemia ward. The auction is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Crucible. Tickets for both of these events can be found at [www.bearsofsheffield.com](http://www.bearsofsheffield.com).

Thank you so much again for your incredible support throughout the trail. Without you we couldn't make Sheffield Children's the best hospital it can be for our patients, families and staff. We are 'beary' excited that the redevelopment on the Cancer and Leukaemia work has started, and the Bears of Sheffield trail has helped make this happen.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at [sculptures@tchc.org.uk](mailto:sculptures@tchc.org.uk) or call 0114 321 2470.

Thank you again,

The Charity Team x



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