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Hello, Humphrey here! For those of you who haven't met me, I'm the mascot for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and I like nothing more than to bring smiles to the patients at the hospital as well as helping out with fundraising.

I need some help – so it's great to hear that the pupils of Whitfield St James' CE (VC) Primary School are on board. Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity now treats over 270,000 patients every year so we need to buy a lot of stickers, colouring pens, books, games, video games and lots of toys to help keep patients happy. **I would like to set you a challenge – to help raise money by collecting as many 5p coins as possible to**

buy toys for the hospital. (Did you know there are nearly 4 million 5p coins in circulation?). If you are prepared to accept the challenge, you will be given a charity cube to collect the 5p coins in. The challenge isn't to fill the cube (although of course that would be great) - it is to collect as many as you can.

But there is something else! If possible, I would like my fantastic helpers to fundraise in the best possible way. So instead of asking grown-ups you know for a 5p coin, you could explain the difference 5p can make, or you could do some jobs to help someone out and asked to be paid in 5p coins. I've put some suggestions below. Whatever you do to raise the money, please be polite and keep safe, making sure a grown up knows what you are doing.

Your teacher will tell you when you need to bring your cube with your 5p coins in it back into school – if they haven't already, you may want to write it below to help remember the date.

If you or a grown-up would like to know more about the charity, you can visit our website at www.rmchcharity.org.uk

Thanks ever so much – there will be even more smiles in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital thanks to my fantastic group of Helpers!

See you soon *Humphrey*

Humphrey's Helpers' Tips

You could collect 5p coins in the following ways:

- 🌱 By keeping your eyes peeled when out and about in case you spot one someone has dropped a 5p
- 🌱 By agreeing with your parents/carers/family members to do jobs around the house in exchange for 5p (or several 5p coins!)
- 🌱 By asking for any pocket money you may be lucky enough to have to be in 5p coins. You could then donate some or all of my pocket money.
- 🌱 By other ways you agree with your parents/carers.

Please try to collect as many 5p coins as possible in your charity cube and return the cube (with the 5p coins!) to school by **Monday 3 June 2018.**

