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Dear Parents,

RE: Lent

During the season of Lent, we as a school think of many things; fasting, almsgiving, prayer and forgiveness. With this in mind the children have spent some time considering the charities that are close to their hearts that they would like to fundraise for as part of our almsgiving focus, as we do every year. The children had many suggestions, so we have researched and tried to find charities based on the most common themes.

The charities we have decided on are;

CAFOD as a Catholic charity who supports development in third world countries. We had a wonderful visit from Sr Eleanor a volunteer for CAFOD who led an assembly about Lent and then did some workshops with KS1. She will be returning to work with KS2.

British Red Cross as an organisation working to support those in crisis.

Acorns Children's Hospice and Birmingham Children's Hospital based in Birmingham who support sick children in our own city.

The Stroke Association A charity that will be a big support for Mrs Bettam and her family during her road to recovery. The charity do fantastic work in Stroke research and treatment.

The children have also had the responsibility of devising the activities that they would like to complete in order to raise money. Some of these include:

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| →Fancy dress day | →Cake sale | →Sponsored event | →Raffles |
| →Name the... | →Guess the... | →Wet the teacher | |

One of the big events we have signed up for is the Big Lent Walk organised by CAFOD which is asking us to walk 200km in 40 days to raise money for global poverty. Children will have many opportunities throughout the day to add to their distance but any walking you do as a family can also be counted. Please use the attached link to donate and sponsor your child and share with your family and friends to support this cause.

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stedsb29>.

There will be many other fundraising efforts to look out for but our efforts will start straight after the holiday. We will try to monitor the money brought in by the children but please check any donations your child is bringing, as much as we appreciate the children's keen generosity we aware children sometimes don't inform parents of pocket money they may want to donate.

We know our wonderful parents have many skills or talents therefore if you could offer to contribute to our fundraising efforts please contact us and we would be grateful for your support.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss S McTiernan
RE Lead

