



St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"



Thursday 11th February 2021



Dear Parents,

Lent starts on Wednesday 17th February and, as is traditional, the children will be encouraged to live out their faith to help our chosen charities, CAFOD and Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal, during this time.

This year we are encouraging the children to support the charity CAFOD in their initiative to "Walk for Water." This seems appropriate in many ways, especially as we take clean water so much for granted during the pandemic.

Children are asked, with their families and friends, to make a pledge to walk / run / dance 10,000 steps in total each day for 40 days. In a family of 4 that is only 2500 steps each! As CAFOD says, "It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it." This also links directly with children's and adults' wellbeing.

To encourage your pledge, sponsorship can be collected using the form below and then the amount raised can be paid into the school's gateway Lenten Charity account. If all families take part and pledge 50p per week this will be approximately £200 raised as a school.

All sponsorship raised will go to help to bring clean, fresh water to those who are thirsty, food to those who are hungry or shelter to those who do not have a home. For example:

- £10 could buy a water container for a family
- £40 could buy safe water for a school
- £200 could buy bikes for a team of three water engineers to service water pumps in remote communities
- £750 could bring water to an entire community

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Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to take part. It would be great to see some pictures of your families taking up the challenge.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Mrs E.J. Hayes
RE Lead and Assistant Head

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