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Dear Parents/Carers,

MUFTI DAY in support of CAFOD

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat'

Matthew 25:35

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school faith community, we have been reflecting, during Lent, on the different ways that we can give practical help to those who are in most need. As you know, our school supports **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. With CAFOD, we believe that poverty is not part of God's plan and that, as a Catholic community, we are called to do all that we can for the world's poorest people.

This year, we have chosen to support CAFOD's 'Give it up' appeal and we are challenging our pupils to give up something that they like but don't really need. The children are invited to donate the money, that they save, to people who are deprived of even the most basic human needs, e.g. food, water, clothing and shelter. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to participate in Lenten 'alms giving' and so put their faith into action.

Last week, Anne Nugent, from CAFOD, was invited to the school to talk to the children about the communities who will benefit from our fundraising. Anne also talked to the children about cyclone 'Idai', which has affected many people in Southern Africa. As a school, we have decided that part of the money raised by our pupils, will be sent to help relieve the suffering of the many people who are living in terrible circumstances, as a result of this devastating, natural disaster.

On Wednesday 3rd April, we will be having a fundraising MUFTI Day. On this day, the children may wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation to the CAFOD appeal. We would ask that your child wears an item of green clothing (or accessory) to symbolise solidarity with the world's poor. The suggested donation is £2.00, or whatever you are able to afford.

NB. If your child has PE on that day, we ask that they dress in suitable clothes and footwear.

Thank you for supporting your child in their efforts to reach out to the world's poorest communities.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. McDonnell
Religious Education Leader