Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**LENT FUNDRAISING LED BY THE ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI GROUP**

We are now in the season of Lent. For Christians, Lent is a time of growth when we strive to grow to become more like Jesus. We do this through fasting (giving something up), giving to others and prayer.

During Lent, we would like to support the work of CAFOD (a Catholic charity which supports people in need overseas). Their Lent project is called ‘The Big Lent Walk’ and it focuses on raising money to help fight extreme global poverty. You can find out more about the project here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpkQ4yh_uOQ> .

The title ‘The Big Lent Walk’ encourages people to raise money by walking during Lent. During the coming weeks, we are planning the following activities to raise money for CAFOD:

**Week beginning 4th March – Big Lent Walk** : As a school, we will aim to walk over 200km. If every child is sponsored £1 for their 1km walk, we will raise over £200!

**Friday 22nd March – Brighten Up Spring Day** : For a donation of £1, everyone is invited to wear their own brightly coloured clothes to celebrate the start of Spring.

**Monday 18th – Tuesday 26th March – Buy tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle.** The Easter Egg Raffle will take place on Wednesday 27th March. Raffle tickets will be on sale in classes for £1 per ticket.

We hope you will be able to help us in raising money for CAFOD during Lent. Many people in our world are struggling due to extreme poverty and whatever we raise will make a difference, helping the poorest communities around the world to look after their families.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Dickinson and the St Francis of Assisi Group