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Brighten Up for CAFOD and Support Billingham Foodbank

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

This Harvest we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country by brightening up!

Did you know that one in three people around the world do not have enough safe and healthy food, all year round? This is not fair and it is not right. We will be joining other schools in building a brighter world for everyone.

To raise money, our new Mini-Vinnie group who "turn concern into action" are inviting everyone to wear **one item** of bright clothing on Friday 3rd October. Your child might wear a bright hoodie instead of their jumper or cardigan, or maybe a bright pair of socks or a bright t-shirt. The rest of the school uniform should stay the same! As well as looking brighter, we also invite your child to bring in £1 donation for CAFOD.

How our fundraising will help?

We're raising money for CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, a charity working with communities around the world to build a brighter world. Our fundraising will support people like Daniel who lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo and grew up in real poverty. As soon as he was old enough, he started looking for work so he could support his family. But without an education his opportunities for work were even more limited.

Thankfully, he encountered a group of men putting on dusty overalls outside a workshop. They told him they were learning carpentry at a CAFOD-funded training centre. He joined the carpentry training programme and he worked diligently for eight months to train as a carpenter. Daniel is a young person full of hope who now has his own workshop. He's not only crafting beautiful doors, chairs and cabinets for happy customers, he's also carving a better future for himself and his family.



We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money for Brighten Up, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, inspiring our pupils to become active global citizens and living out our school mission.

In addition, we would like to request that each family may wish to contribute an item to the Billingham Food Bank. Donations can be brought into school on Friday. Suggestions are:

Tins of: fruit, peas, potatoes, beans, chopped/plum tomatoes, fish (tuna, sardines, mackerel) rice pudding, custard. **Packets of:** sugar, tea bags, fruit juice/squash (long life only) powdered milk. **Jars/bottles of:** jam, cooking oil. **Toiletries:** shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, washing capsules/washing up liquid, toilet roll, deodorant (roll on)

We do hope you will support our charity work to help make a better world for our neighbours nearby or far away.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

From Mrs Pemberton and our Y5 Mini Vinnies.



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