



## CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and Billingham Food Bank!

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

This Lent we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help support our global neighbours.

To raise money, we're going to be joining other schools across the country, walking in solidarity, to support CAFOD's Lenten Fundraising Appeal. We are going to be walking as much as possible, adding some class walks around our school grounds to our weekly routines and our PE lessons. We'd be grateful if you would support our appeal by making a donation on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. We will remind you again, nearer to the time.

**On the same day, we also invite you to make a donation to the Billingham Food Bank. Thank you.**



Today, in our Liturgical Prayer time, the children received a sticker with a QR code so they can learn more about CAFOD; they will be doing this at school but can also do this at home. Hopefully they will share what they know with you at home and with each other, they will then earn their "I told others" sticker. Finally, when the children complete their 'big Lent walk' (on 23<sup>rd</sup> March) they will receive their final sticker.



### How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with people living in poverty in some of the most hard-to-reach places in the world.

Our fundraising will support people like Dristy. She lives in a small village in Bangladesh – one of the most at-risk countries from the effects of the climate crisis. Dristy says that cyclones and floods are becoming more frequent for the people there.

Dristy's mum, Rupali, works side by side with her, teaching her how to plant lots of different crops; how to build seed beds that won't get flooded, what trees to plant to protect the village from cyclones; and how to use discarded household items to grow saplings.

Our fundraising will give more families like Dristy and Rupali's the tools and training they need to grow in strength and fight the effects of the climate crisis.

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

Many thanks from Mrs Sinclair and the Y5 Mini Vinnies