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Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the season of Advent, our school community once again turns its attention to giving and service. Advent is a time of preparation, hope, and generosity, and each year we seek to live out these values through our charity initiatives.

This year, we are delighted to continue our tradition of collecting Terry's Chocolate Oranges. These will be gifted to NHS workers and carers as a small, but heartfelt token of our gratitude for their dedication and care. It is a simple gesture that brings joy and reminds them that their hard work and compassion are deeply appreciated. We invite each pupil, if possible, to contribute by bringing in a Terry's Chocolate Orange. All donations can be handed in to school during Advent, and they will be distributed before Christmas.

In addition, we are also holding collections in school for CAFOD World Gifts. We are hoping to purchase at least one Christmas Stocking gift (£100), which includes: -

- Winter warmth – providing vulnerable families with cash to buy essentials such as warm clothing, blankets, fuel, and food.
- Promoting peace – funding workshops for refugees and local communities to encourage dialogue and improve relationships.
- Therapy through play – offering music, art, and dance classes for children affected by conflict, giving them space to process trauma.
- Super soup kitchen – providing nutritious meals and shelter to refugees who have fled their homes.
- Firewood for winter – supplying vulnerable families with firewood to survive harsh winter conditions.

To support this initiative, collection boxes will be available around school during form time and lunchtime. If pupils have any loose change they are willing to donate, it will go directly towards these life-changing gifts.

We are proud of the generosity shown by our pupils and families in past years, and we look forward to sharing that same spirit of kindness again this Advent. Thank you for supporting these initiatives and helping us to make a difference in the lives of others.

Yours faithfully

**M RUANE (MRS)**  
**School Chaplain**

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School Chaplain + Staff Mental Health First Aider

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*Prepare the way of the Lord*

