## R E Ambassadors' Newsletter 6 Autumn 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome to our new academic year! We would like to introduce you to our new team of RE Ambassadors and Committee members for 2019-20:

<u>RE Ambassadors</u>: Isla (Y4) and Gabrielle (Y3)

## RE Committee:

Belle, Poppy, Jessie and Anna (Y4); Charlotte B, Charlotte W, Gracie and Lucinda (Y3)

For new parents, as a Church school we feel very strongly about supporting and giving to others and every year invite a small group of children to help to support and champion, not only our own school Christian ethos, but to be courageous advocates for the common good, locally, nationally and globally as ambassadors and committee members for Religious Education. All of our children are invited to put themselves forward and once applications have been received and the process completed, the children appointed are challenged to think about a number of charities that we could support as a school. These RE Ambassadors then choose, research and carry out presentations to the rest of the school children so that a democratic vote can be made to choose our two main special charities.

We have decided that we would like to continue our support for 'The Great North Air Ambulance' this year, and to choose one other charity. We shared lots of information with the children last week and they chose from: RVI Tiny Lives (Special Care Babies), RSPCA at Felledge in Durham, Hill Top Farm Animal Sanctuary and Save the Children. Following a vote by the children, 'Save the Children' had the highest number of supporters and will be our other chosen charity to focus our fundraising on.



We will try and have a charity event each term for our chosen charities and split the money between them and due to this, we have decided that we will NOT be fundraising in school for Children in Need or Red Nose Day/Sports Relief this year as these national charities can be easily supported out of school too.

However, we will be supporting the Christmas Shoebox appeals (Operation Christmas Child and Link to Hope) and next week you will receive a leaflet all about them. Before you receive the leaflets, we will share the information about the two different charities so that the children can choose which one they would like to support out of the two.

Our first event for our school chosen charities will be in the first week of the second half Autumn Term on Wednesday 6th November. We will do a sponsored fun run as the children loved this last year and Millie Archibald, who does the weekly morning running club, has once again offered to help us with this. In the Spring term we are hoping to have a school mini fair with a few stalls and in the Summer term, are hoping to find someone to donate a day of some large inflatables and then children can bring in a suggested donation for our charities! If you know of anyone who might help us with this we would love to hear from уои.



## With special thanks

## Isla & Felicity

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with the support of the Committee: Belle, Poppy, Jessie, Anna, Gracie, Lucinda, Charlotte B, Charlotte W; with Mrs Campbell, R E & Collective Worship Lead