

Dear Parents,

This Lent we are supporting CAFOD and raising money to support some of the world's most deprived communities.

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, a charity that reaches out to people living in poverty around the world.

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

This week, we will deliver assemblies to all of the children to introduce them and prepare them for this year's campaign. **Ash Wednesday which is during half term, on 20**th **February,** marks the start of Lent. We are called each year to be of service to others and support those in need.

The campaign this year, is called 'Walk for Water' and we are asked to raise money for people who need water to survive.

Alongside this letter, there will be a blank water droplet and a calendar to reflect each day in Lent. We would like each family to decorate a water template and put it in their window. Then try to do some walking each day and see how many other water droplets you see on your way. Perhaps you could ask family and friends to sponsor you each time you go for a walk during Lent.



We would also like to take this opportunity to raise money for the Bee-lieve Foundation which has already provided St. Anne's children with a full PSHE programme and we have just been informed that the foundation is paying for a member of our staff to receive training on a new programme that will support many of our children who experience a range of emotional challenges.

We are asking, every family to make a donation towards these charities. If each St. Anne's family made a donation of £2 each we could raise £740.00 enabling us to donate £370.00 to CAFOD and £370.00 to the Bee-lieve foundation. Donations can be made via Tucasi (Scopay).

What a truly proud moment this would be!!!

So please, dig deep to make this a really successful Lenten appeal, send in photos of you on your daily walks and we will post them and tell us about how you are really trying to raise money for others during this season of Lent.

Good luck and I hope to see many of you over half term out walking and inspiring others to not only keep physically and mentally well, but also to highlight the need to support others.

I plan to go out for at least 1 hour daily with my girls so, who knows, I might be walking passed your doors one day and give you a wave!!

God Bless,

Mrs Murphy