



8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity to the Ukraine appeal. Today we filled three cars with donations that were loaded onto a container to be delivered to the Ukrainian border. We know that our children are hearing and talking about these events. Oxfam and other agencies who work in both education and disaster relief say that the important thing for young children is to feel that they can do something positive, take a small action. This can help them process difficult ideas while reducing fear and an overwhelming sense of powerlessness. It can also show much needed solidarity with friends at home and abroad more directly affected.

At 11.00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be forming a human chain around our playground wearing the colours of the flag of Ukraine to stand up for justice and truth and our belief that we should love thy neighbour. We will then come together in our hall to pray for peace.

This is not a protest but a show of faith and support. We want to show the people of Ukraine that we are thinking of them, that we are standing with them and that we are praying for the people involved in this conflict. Many other schools in our diocese will also be creating chains in their playgrounds at the same time.

More than 1.5 million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones, they need shelter, food and water. Life for the people of Ukraine has completely changed. Homes, schools and hospitals have been destroyed.

On Friday children can wear blue & yellow and make a donation which will help local experts in Ukraine to provide:

- food
- water
- healthcare
- shelter and clothing

So far, teams in Ukraine have distributed over 30,000 food and hygiene parcels and provided food, warm clothes, and other aid to around 8,000 people sheltering in metro stations.

Any donation that you can give will make a difference to the people of Ukraine. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine appeal and send in to school, there will also be members of staff holding buckets at the school gate on Friday taking cash donations.

Once again, in anticipation of your support, thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher