

24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### CAFOD Lenten Appeal – Walk for Water 2021

The Liturgical season of Lent began last week with Ash Wednesday. We mark this special time in the Church's year with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we continue to be subject to restrictions, our almsgiving this year needs to adapt!

CAFOD is an international development charity and is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. They reach out in poverty with practical support, whatever their religion and culture. They campaign for global justice, so that every person can live a full and dignified life. You can find out more by visiting their website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) CAFOD, like so many individuals and other charities, has really struggled over the past months to ensure they are able to fund their works of charity around the world.

Our Lenten focus for charity this year is '**Walk for Water**' – where, as a school, we will focus on the powerful story of Abdella in Ethiopia, who has to walk a 10-hour round trip **every day**, just to collect clean water. At a time when we are constantly reminded to wash our hands for at least 20 seconds, the fact that so many people across the globe still have such poor access to water is very worrying. In form groups, we will be tracking the steps we walk each day in solidarity with those around the world who do not have access to clean, safe water.

We have set up a dedicated option on ParentPay where you can make a donation to support our students in their fundraising efforts. Any donations would be gratefully received by ourselves and CAFOD.

For more information please see our CAFOD assembly for Lent:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYoTie2g6vc&feature=youtu.be>  
Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss R Leighton**  
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