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Dear Parents and Carers,

Charity Fundraising

We would like to let you know about the range of charity events taking place this term at St Francis.

Harvest and Christmas Charities

Because of the restrictions on what we can currently do as a whole school, we are combining our Harvest/Christmas Charity collections this year. We will be supporting two projects - one local and one overseas. Details are as follows:

Local Project - Clevedon Food Bank

Between now and the beginning of December, could your child bring in some suitable items for the Christmas Gift Boxes which are donated to families in crisis? Clevedon Food bank has requested the following items:

1. Gifts for children aged 7-12 (the gifts would need to be new and unwrapped)
2. Christmas food items eg Christmas cake and boxes of biscuits.

Overseas Project - CAFOD (Catholic Association For Overseas Development)

The children have been shown a film created by CAFOD teaching them about families in need across the world who are suffering because of the corona virus. They have heard how just £3 would provide facemasks for a family. Extra funds would provide hand sanitiser, health care and clean water for vulnerable communities.

Each class has been given a large plastic container which they hope to fill with small coins. During November and December, please start collecting your loose change and send it into school with your child. Children will empty the coins into the containers themselves and then wash or sanitise their hands.

Miss Parry will be providing a prize for the class that fills their container first! So, check your pockets, look under the cushions, search under your bed, empty out your handbag and see how many coins you can find. Let's see if together we can raise lots of money for those in need and help to save lives around the world.

Children In Need - Friday 13 November

Due to the ongoing situation this year, we will be holding in class based fundraising activities for Children In Need. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on Friday 13 November for the usual suggested £1 donation. The optional theme is yellow to match Pudsey Bear, as suggested by Year 5. Year 5 will also be organising a whole school Pudsey Bear drawing competition and each class will be carrying out their own 'Act Your Age' challenge. Teachers will organise a challenge based on the children's ages for them to complete, such as 10 year olds doing 10 jumping jacks every hour for the day.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16 November (Anti-Bullying Week)

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is 'United Against Bullying'. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16 - Friday 20 November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day. It's an opportunity to encourage pupils to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive socks. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November.

As we are already collecting for the charities mentioned above, we are not asking for donations to the Anti-bullying Alliance. If you would like to make a donation, you can donate directly at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>.

On behalf of the organising staff, we send you our best wishes and say a big 'thank you' for your support for these events

Catherine Hunt
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