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Dear Parents

We are all witnessing with disbelief the events that are taking place in Ukraine. To show our support for the people and children of Ukraine, financial donations can be made via ParentPay under the payment item of **Ukraine Appeal**. In addition to financial support various charities are asking for the following items as there are lots of people (children and adults) living in underground shelters and sleeping on floors in sub-zero temperatures, often with no electricity. All donations are extremely needed and welcome. Donations should be new and unopened for hygiene reasons. Collection bins will be made available on the top garden this week and will continue throughout this term. Thank you to Mr Duncan who will be coordinating these collections for us.

URGENTLY NEEDED

<u>Toiletries</u>	<u>Medicines / First Aid</u>	<u>Food</u>
Toothpaste and brushes Shower gels and soaps Baby wipes Feminine sanitary products	Plasters Bandages Antiseptic wipes / cream. Paracetamol / Ibuprofen Calpol	Dried food Canned food (with ring pull open) Baby formula Baby milk bottle

During Monday's assembly, I spoke to the children about what is happening in Ukraine. We also watched a clip from the BBC Newsround programme. You may wish to share this clip at home as a family as it explains at an age-appropriate level what is happening in Ukraine. It is available on the BBC website or through a google search. As a Catholic community we will continue to offer prayers for the people of Ukraine. As part of our journey through Lent we will be planting sunflowers within the school grounds after Easter. United in solidarity for the people of Ukraine, every pupil will be given two sunflower seeds to plant at home and then return into school once they have grown after Easter. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and will provide a visual reminder for all of us how the power of prayer can be used in support of those who are suffering. These seeds will be sent home at the end of the week on a special prayer card.

We already know how powerful the strength of this community is and yet again we are asking people to support if they are in a position to do so. This can be as simple as remembering the people of Ukraine in your prayer.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Walker
Headteacher

