



Wednesday 2nd March

Dear Parents and Carers,

UKRAINIAN CRISIS APPEAL



All of us will be acutely aware of the current difficult situation in war-torn Ukraine and the suffering this is causing to many individuals and families. Therefore, we are keen to take immediate action in helping in any which way we can.

This week, we have been sharing with the children the Archbishops' prayer for peace in Ukraine (see below) and we are encouraging children to write their own prayers for peace.

***God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect
them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.***
(Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)

We know that the Ukrainian community will value everybody's prayers at this time, and this is a positive and purposeful way in which we can all help.

However, we also want to support charities who are helping with practical, humanitarian aid for children and families caught up in this conflict. To this end, we are supporting the British Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis appeal and would urge you to donate what you can to this appeal. **Tomorrow and Friday, our house captains will accompany staff on the gate at drop off and pick up times with collection buckets for anyone who feels able to contribute to this appeal.** Money raised from this appeal will go towards basic needs for families, such as food, medicines, shelter and warm clothing.

Lastly, please do let us know if you and your family are directly affected by this conflict, and we will aim to support you at this time in any way we can.

Please continue to stand with us, remembering in your prayers all individuals and families, both Ukrainians and Russians, who are in the midst of this conflict.

Yours sincerely,

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