



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

6th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 10th March 2017



This year, the CAFOD Family Fast Day draws on the theme “Turn little fish into big fish.” As you read this letter, millions of families around the world are living in extreme poverty. Many are struggling to earn a living so do not have enough money to meet their basic needs such as food, housing and clothing.

This Lent our school can help to change this. All your little actions will make a really big difference to people living in poverty. Your support will mean that CAFOD partners around the world can train more people like Florence (see <http://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools/Lent>) to set up small businesses and earn a living. With training and support, Florence has created a thriving business selling fish, so she can buy the things her family needs and send her children to school. Not only that, she has taught others in her community how to do the same.

Please join together with us this Lent and ‘Turn little fish into Big fish.’ Whatever you are able to donate will make a big difference, helping the poorest communities around the world to feed their families and make a living.

We ask that your child spends some time thinking about those who are less fortunate than they are or has a conversation about this within the family. A fish template will be sent home with your child and on it, we ask them to write a prayer for people who are living in extreme poverty; remembering those who are struggling to earn a living and don't have enough money to meet their basic needs such as food, housing and clothes. Your child will then be asked to bring their prayer in to school on Friday with a donation please for CAFOD. These prayers will be displayed and considered during our Friday Liturgy, and with the coins, we will be ‘Scaling up’ and making the BIGGEST fish we can out of coins.



Thank you for joining us this Lent to support people transforming their communities, one fish at a time!

Thank you for your continued support,
God Bless.

Sharon Betts

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Acting Deputy Headteacher

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