

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families,

We've eventually reached the end of an exceptionally busy but lovely term – Christmas is very nearly here for us all and, if you're like us, you will be excited to celebrate and spend some precious time with loved ones.

There has been joy and celebration in every corner of school: the children are the heartbeat of our school. Thank you for supporting us in the myriad of ways that you have over the season: Christmas gifts, raffle prizes, our Christmas performances and donations to name a few. Thank you to our Friends of All Saints' for their time and commitment in supporting us.

This week, each class chose which CAFOD World Gifts they wanted to buy with the funds raised from our Christmas performances. A remarkable £770 was donated – thank you!

This is what they chose to buy:

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| Nursery/Reception | 'Healthy mum & baby'; emergency food; teaching a child how to read.   |
| Year One          | 'Back to school'; teaching a child how to read; 'chirpy chickens'; self-watering garden.  |
| Year Two          | 'Trees for life'; 'a safe place to call home'; emergency food.  |
| Year Three        | Emergency shelter; 'a safe place to call home'; 'fight fires in the Amazon'.  |
| Year Four         | 'A safe place to call home'; 'gift a goat'; 'happy queen bee'; a soup kitchen; a vegetable garden.  |
| Year Five         | Sanitary products; 'chirpy chickens'; winter survival kit; self-watering garden; emergency water; teaching a child how to read; 'trees for life'. |
| Year Six          | 'Fight fires in the Amazon'; 'trees for life'; a soup kitchen; therapy through play; water for a family; sanitary products; emergency water.      |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous donations you made to PACT House, for the well wishes and gifts we have received. We feel extremely grateful to come to work in such a caring community every day.

Today is Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Simpson's final day of working with us before their retirement; they have been part of our school family for a lot of years and have had a positive impact on



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many pupils during their time here as lunchtime supervisors. We wish them both well for the future!

Looking towards next year, please see the spring dates which have been published on our website: <https://allsaintslanchester.bwcet.com/families/letters-newsletters/>

I think that is all for now. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year; we'll see you in 2025!

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

