



Dear Parents / Carers,

This year during Advent, we will be reflecting on how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to be part of the St. Joseph's Family, which enables us all to grow and learn together so we can reach our full potential.

As part of our reflection, we will be thinking of those who are less fortunate than us, without the resources to access education around the world, especially those who have been affected by disasters and conflict.

In particular we will be thinking of the children in our partner school in Sierra Leone, The Ivor Leigh Memorial School, whose learning has been disrupted by the horrendous floods that affected the region this summer. The school, which was founded by Mrs Edmund, a former parent of our school, suffered some damage to its building and equipment. This year, our school would like to offer its support by donating some of our surplus resources (as a result of the recent upgrade to our school facilities) such as furniture, books and classroom resources, to help replace some of their damaged equipment.

Our aim is to help Mrs Edmund raise money towards the cost of shipping these items to Sierra Leone. We are encouraging our children to use their pocket money, money earned from carrying out additional chores or saved from giving up treats, to donate to this worthy cause.

We will be collecting donations from Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> November up until Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec so if your child can bring in a donation each week that would be fantastic! We will be recording the growth of our donations and support for the Ivor Leigh Memorial School on charts in our class prayer areas. Your child will be able to colour in part of their class chart for each donation made so they can see the impact of their contribution, and develop an understanding of how we can make a difference in our world by making a small sacrifice and working together.

We are always really thankful for your support and all donations are greatly appreciated.

*St. Joseph's School Staff*

