



8th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Ukraine Appeal – Blue and Yellow day

As you know, we have gently been addressing the war in Ukraine with your children as and when they have shown worries. As tensions and actions ramp up we will continue to revisit this in school. After dealing with a long pandemic we are acutely aware of the affect this is having on adults as well.

One of the things I will be talking to our older children about is where they get their news from. Often our children can be overwhelmed by the internet and we all sometimes struggle to sort fact from fiction. I know programmes such as Newsround are being signposted as providing a more balanced view at an age appropriate level. There is also further information to support parents/carers on our website.

One of the coping strategies for children is when they feel like they can do something and be involved. Taking some sort of action can help to reduce anxieties. To this end we will be holding a **Blue and Yellow day** in school **this Friday the 11th**. We would like every child and member of staff to come to school wearing only blue and yellow on the day.

Having done some research we have found out that donations of goods has got to a point where charities are struggling to cope and because of the ground situation deliveries might not reach the areas in which help is most needed, so on this occasion we are asking for cash donations. These will be sent to one of the major charities operating an appeal – for example the DEC. The School Parliament pupils will research and decide this week.

We don't often ask for money as a school, and we don't ask for ourselves. I'm setting a target of **£800** for the day and ask that children bring donations in this Friday. We will collect via buckets on the gates at the start and end of the day and ask that you donate what you feel you can spare.

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