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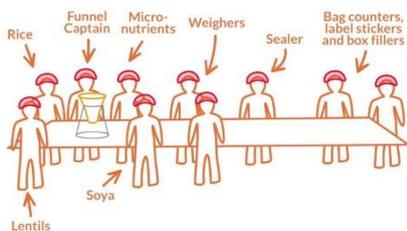
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Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we want our children to know who they are, to be creative, to be a good friend and to recognise that we are part of the world's family, these are our core values. This year, and hopefully for longer, we want to expand the horizons of our children and look further afield when it comes to being a good friend and part of the world's family. The school have been learning that when natural disasters happen and food becomes short that it is the children of the world who suffer and for many hundreds of thousands this means going to school hungry and coming back from school even hungrier. As a school in worship the children agreed that it was not right and not fair for children to be in that situation, we would not like it ourselves. We asked the question, what can we do? We are a small school, a long way from where the hardship is.

We want our children to become courageous advocates for change, to be able to recognise injustice and learn to overcome it and in doing so take their place as part of the world's family. On April 8th, our school has invited an organisation called "**Feed the Hungry**" into our school. Feed the Hungry is a Christian charity that provides over 200,000 meals a day to school children in the poorest parts of the world. We are doing this alongside other local schools in our academy trust and with other schools in the Lichfield Diocese and combining our efforts together.



Maple Class will be packing the food - a combination of rice, lentils, soya protein and nutrition supplements, into standard packages, these are then consolidated into a container shipment of about 300,000 meals and sent out to a location in one of 20 countries where the local church works directly with a school to provide a meal a day for the students. The effect of a simple meal is dramatic, attention and concentration is improved and a primary education can be given with a great hope for a better

tomorrow through the lives of the children we feed. Sycamore and Hazel class are too young to take part in the food handling unfortunately but we are exploring the idea of sending comfort packs of toiletries and hygiene essentials with Feed the Hungry. We will really be working Hand to Hand; the hands of our children leading to food that is put in the hands of other children.

Yes, there is a cost, we provide the labour to pack the food but the food itself has to be paid for, we estimate that the cost of the food that we will pack to be £300. We hope that through several small events (such as non-uniform days, give up a chocolate bar for a day, sponsored activities) we can raise this and hopefully become a regular partner with Feed the Hungry, leading to sustainable links with the organisation and perhaps some of the schools involved thus broadening our impact as a school into the wider world.

We hope that you will help to support this worthwhile cause when we hold our fundraising events in the summer term.

Kind regards

Lesley Montgomery