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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year, the children of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are going to be doing a 'Walk for Water' for CAFOD. This is to help the less fortunate children who are in need of water in dry areas worldwide. Many have to travel miles every day in hot weather to get the amount of water they need, most likely barefoot or hauling a heavy load, causing awful conditions like blisters, sunburn and death of low dehydration. People like us in Britain and other countries quite close to a water source have easy access to water, because we have taps in our homes and there are perfectly functional drainage systems in place all around the UK. There are problems especially in Africa. Namibia is one of the driest countries in the world and the driest country in Africa, with desert covering almost the entire country, making it practically impossible to get water from anywhere in the country. By donating to CAFOD, you are helping them make a lot of people's lives a lot better by making them not have to walk for miles every day just to get water, which most of the time is either dirty or limited. They are helping people like putting a solar-powered water pump in a village in Afar in Ethiopia (one of the hottest places on Earth) to stop 23-year-old Abdella from plodding up very steep mountains on his donkeys, taking around ten hours. It is the long walk for water he has to endure to keep his family alive. The video link for this is right below here, as is the web page, showing you what information that you need.

[Walk for Water Lent film for children | CAFOD](#)

[Walk for Water](#)

If you cannot access the site, here are some of the things that CAFOD have listed.

How your sponsorship can help

- £10 can buy a water container for a family.
- £40 could buy safe water for a school.
- £200 could buy bikes for a team of three water engineers to service water pumps in remote communities.
- £750 could bring water to an entire community.

This year, we are going to 'Walk for Water' in the week before Easter. Each class will walk a given number of laps of the school grounds and we hope you can sponsor your child. The number of laps each class will complete are as follows:

Reception + Nursery - 1 lap

Years 1 + 2 - 2 laps

Years 3 + 4 - 3 laps

Years 5 + 6 - 4 laps

Payments should be made via Just Giving on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Joseph-s-Primary-School-Jarrow-Tyne-and-Wear1>

Sincerely,
Year 6