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TANZANIA – WORKING WITH AND LEARNING FROM

Dear Parents/Carers



In February I will be travelling to the Mara region of Tanzania in Africa with a group of colleagues from the Diocese of Leeds. The purpose of the trip is to strengthen links between our diocese and the Diocese of Mara by working with and learning from the people of Tanzania.

During our stay we will be producing a variety of resources about life in Mara aimed at children in Britain. These resources will be circulated throughout schools nationally for use in lessons and assemblies so that we may learn from the lives of people in Tanzania whilst giving us opportunities to reflect on our own lives.

Whilst in Tanzania I will also be establishing a link with an individual primary school and parish in the Mara region so that we can develop a long-term partnership which will be mutually beneficial; enabling our children to have penpals, working on projects together etc.

On Friday 26th October we will be having a 'Celebrate Tanzania' day at school during which the children will begin to learn about Tanzania as well as writing letters and producing gifts for me to take when I visit. We invite all children to wear non-uniform in the colours of the Tanzanian flag, pictured above (or as close as they can manage).

An unfortunate aspect of life in Mara is poverty and hunger, indeed 95% of the people there rely on subsistence farming with rainfall being key to survival in much of the region. We are visiting at a time when rainfall levels have been poor and crops are struggling, thus people are suffering. A simple sack of maize costs £40 and is enough to keep someone alive for a few months in the hope that the rains will arrive. I would like to appeal for donations of £1 on the non-uniform day to support this cause.

Should you wish to know more about my visit please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Walker

Headteacher

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust