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Dear Parents

Easter Charity Appeal

As a school, in addition to the curriculum that we follow, we have a strong focus on what it means to be part of a caring community; in school and beyond in our local community. We talk about what it means to be supportive and caring and the importance of being kind.

With this in mind, we have decided to support a very local cause this term for our Easter charity appeal. There is a growing homelessness issue in Gravesend and one local man has decided to do something about it. Every evening, he sets up outside the Thamesgate Centre where he hands out hot food, drinks, blankets and sleeping bags. He spends time chatting to the people and makes them feel like someone actually cares about them. He now has about 20 people (some who are just lonely) and he cooks every day for them. He pays for everything himself and doesn't ask for anything in return, so we are going to help him.

He desperately needs items of food and clothing and below is a list of the things he is most in need of:

Food and drink	Toiletries	Items of clothing etc CLEAN PLEASE
Tea bags Coffee Sugar Hot chocolate Pasta (twists or similar, not spaghetti) Crisps and snacks	Toilet rolls Tooth brushes Toothpaste Shower gel Baby wipes Hand sanitiser Plasters and antiseptic wipes Shampoo Deodorant	Clothes- jumpers, T shirts Coats Blankets Sleeping bags (any condition) Socks (new) Underwear (new) Hats

We would really appreciate it if your son could bring in any of the items listed above. I need to stress that all items of clothing must be clean and in good condition. Any donated items can be brought in and given to their Learning Coach, we will then arrange for them to be taken to where they need to be.

As a thank you, your son will be given a raffle ticket to which will enter him into a draw to win an Easter egg; last year we gave away several! This will be done within Communities.

Many thanks for your support for, what I hope you feel, is a very worthwhile cause.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L A Donaldson', written in a cursive style.

Ms L A Donaldson
Head of Spielberg Community
Assistant Headteacher