

Caritas Ambassadors SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2024-25





St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School





Liturgy leaders 24 25 Strategic planning meeting 20 th September 2024		
Target	Actions	Impact
 Local To collect donations for the Black Country Food Bank (BCFB) Stewardship of God's Creation To ask all classes to make Christmas cards for the residents at a local care home Dignity of the Human Person 	 Caritas Ambassadors to launch the Harvest Collection in Gospel Assembly on 23rd September. Caritas Ambassadors to collect Harvest donations from classes each morning during the collection time. When the BCFB come to collect donations the Caritas Ambassadors will help to load the van with donations. Caritas Ambassadors to speak to classes about the Christmas card collection. Caritas Ambassadors to collect Christmas cards and deliver them to the local care home with Mrs Smith. 	 We will be able to make a donation to the Black Country Food Bank (BCFB) which will mean that any families who are struggling with the cost of living crisis will be able to get food to feed their families and toiletries that they need. The Christmas cards will remind all of the residents, especially those who may not get any visitors, that they are loved and that someone is thinking about them.
For all classes to organise and lead their own class fundraiser for Father Hudson's Caritas- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable	 Each class, with the support of the Caritas Ambassadors are to lead their own class fundraiser during the season of Lent. Caritas Ambassadors to provide classes with ideas for fundraisers and support the organisation of these. Caritas Ambassadors to write letters to the local MP about supporting the homeless and refugees to find work. 	Money will be raised for Father Hudson's Caritas and will support the elderly, those with learning, physical and sensory disabilities, children and families, fostering and community projects, homeless people, refugees and migrants, and people experiencing social isolation.
 National To raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research Family and Community To support the work of Young Minds Charity for all people struggling with Mental Health Rights and Responsibilities To address the cost of living crisis in the UK. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers 	 On 27th September- the official Macmillan Coffee Day- our Caritas Ambassadors will run a Macmillan Coffee afternoon in the school hall. All children can wear green to school on the day of our Macmillan Coffee afternoon. All children and staff to wear yellow for World Mental Health Day on 10th October and pay £1 for Young Minds Charity. Write letters to our local MP to read in parliament about how the cost-of-living crisis is affecting the welfare of people not only in our community but all the UK. 	 The money that we raise will go towards Macmillan Cancer Research charity which will help them with their research into finding further cures and treatments for cancer. The money raised will support Young Minds- a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents, making sure all young people can get the mental health support they need.
International To collect Christmas, Show Boxes for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable To work towards achieving the School of Sanctuary Award- Solidarity and the Common Good.	 Caritas Ambassadors to launch Operation Christmas Child with a PPT presentation in Gospel Assembly on 14.10.2024. Caritas Ambassadors to design leaflets about OCC which can be sent home to parents to persuade them to donate a Christmas Shoebox and providing information about the charity we are supporting. Caritas Ambassadors to collect any donations from classes when they start coming into school. Caritas Ambassadors will deliver the Christmas Shoeboxes to the drop off point at Bethel Church with Mrs Smith Caritas Ambassadors to organise school events for the school to take part in A Day of Welcome and Refugee Week. 	 We will donate 50 + Christmas Shoe Boxes that contain toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts to Operation Christmas Child to spread joy and love to children in need around the world. All children, staff and visitors to our school will feel welcome and valued as part of our school community. All children will understand what it means to 'welcome the stranger' and to ensure that those who have had to flee their homes due to difficult circumstances find a place where they feel safe and loved.

