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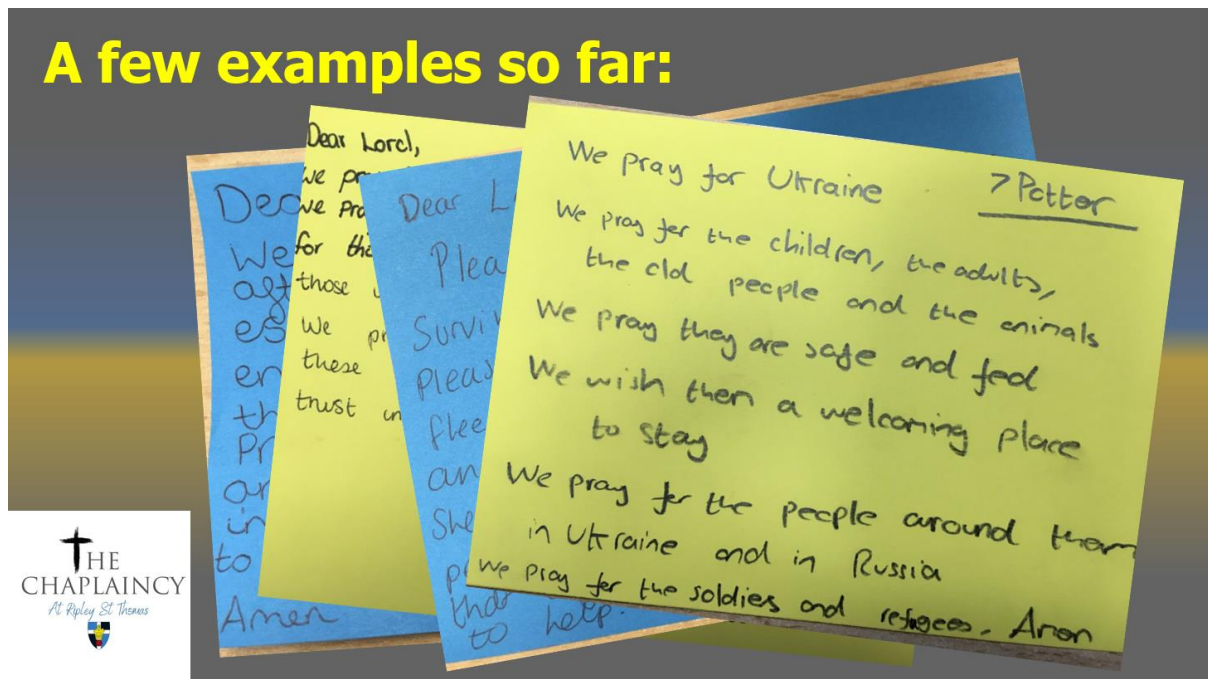
Dear Parents and Carers

Further to Mrs Benter's letter earlier this week, our response to the unfolding situation in Ukraine is continuing to develop. We hope you might have found some of those resources helpful as you process and talk about things in your families.

## Prayer for Ukraine

We have used our times of collective worship to encourage our pupils to be aware of what is happening, with an invitation to write their thoughts, hopes and prayers. We intend to make a display in school as a vivid reminder of our gathered prayers as a school community.

## A few examples so far:



## Action for Ukraine

Today we have a non-uniform day, with proceeds going to UNICEF. Next week, we will be using Form Worship times to layer messages of encouragement and reassurance, but with an invitation to act for Ukraine, in addition to our prayers. The Christian faith challenges us to demonstrate our faith in action (James 2:14-18), so we will be inviting our young people and families to donate items if you are able.

Mrs Thornton, who works in the school office, has a close contact to her family, who are collecting items as part of the Polish & British Solidarity with Ukraine group. They will be taking essential items to help Ukrainian refugees fleeing into Poland. They are looking for items such as:

*Believe.....*

**Non-perishable food, Foil survival blankets, toys, nappies, sanitary products, crayons, towels, wet wipes, sleeping bags, metal cups, thermal clothing, hairbrushes, toiletries, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, first aid kits, bandages (see image below).**

Therefore our pupils and your families are welcome to bring such donations into school and we will arrange for them to be suitably passed on in the coming days and weeks.

## 2) DONATIONS you can bring to the CHAPLAINCY



**What We Need:**

- Foil Survival Blankets • Toys • Nappies • Sanitary Towels • Crayons • Towels • First Aids Kits • Sleeping Bags • Metal Cups • Thermal Clothing • Hair Brushes • Shampoos • Toothbrushes • Children's clothes • Bandages

**Collection Points:**

<p><b>Wrexham</b> PISC-CIC Ty Awow, 21 Egerton St. Wrexham LL11 1ND, Mon-Fri 10.00am - 2.00pm Anna Buckley 07523 627 826</p> <p>The Wrexham Enterprise Hub 11-13 Rhosddu Rd, Wrexham LL11 1AT, Mon-Fri 10.00am - 2.00pm Pete Rogers /Anna Buckley</p>	<p><b>Liverpool</b> Polish Merseyside 254 County Rd Liverpool L4 5PE, Mon-Fri 8:00pm-9:00pm, Bartosz Lisowski 07919 203 069</p> <p><b>Whitchurch</b> Continental Convenience Store SY11 31 AA 36 Green end Whitchurch, Mon - Fri 9:00am-8:00am, Krzysztof Salik 07528014924</p>	<p><b>Oswestry</b> 54 Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, SY11 2OR, Mon-Fri 5:00pm-9:00pm, Karolina Matusiak 07544 061 801</p> <p><b>Chester</b> St Francis Church Grosvenor St, Chester CH1 2BN, Mon-Fri 10:00am-2:00pm, Iwona Salamacla 07858 457 164</p>
<p><b>Manchester</b> Polish Club Back East Street Bury BL9 0RU, Mon - Fri 7:30pm-9:30pm Alicja Popowicz 07432113290</p> <p>"Vilnius" Polish Centre Manchester Worsley Road M30 8BL, Mon 2:00pm-8:30pm Tue 2:00pm-10:00pm, Wen, Thu, Fri 2:00pm-7:00pm, Alicja Popowicz 07432113290</p> <p>BeeHouse Deansgate Locks, 2 Whitworth Street M1 5LH Manchester, Mon-Fri 12:00pm-10:00pm, Alicja Popowicz 07432113290</p>	<p><b>Telford</b> Jaroslaw Tkacz 07517527842</p>	<p><b>London</b> White Eagle Club 211 Balham High Rd SW17 7BO Mon 10:00am-1:00pm Wen 3:00pm-8:00pm Fri 10:00am-5:00pm Sat 12:00pm-9:00pm Sun 10:00am-5:00pm Krzysztof 02086721723</p>



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### Thank you and further support

Thank you in advance for your donations if you would like to respond in this way, and we are of course conscious that there are many other avenues of being able to respond in action across our local area too.

A reminder too, that if you as a family are affected by what is happening in Ukraine, please do let us know via Parentline if we can be supporting you and your child in any further ways at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Walmsley

Principal