



## Solihull School

10 October 2013

Dear Parents

With half term nearly upon us, our thoughts turn, once again, to the Junior School's major fund-raising event of the year ... Charity Week! This year, it will take place during the week beginning 14 October. For those new to the school, this is an annual event during which excited Junior School children take part in a variety of events, all with the specific aim of making as much money as possible for this year's designated charity, "*Assist Resettlement & Renaissance*" (*Assist RR*).

Dr Velautham Sarveswaran, a Sri Lankan national and father of Vicknesh (now in our Lower Sixth - LVI IP and a former Junior School pupil), is a Trustee of the charity and gave a very moving account in a Junior School Assembly of both the tremendous needs of those the organisation aims to help and of the life changing work they have done so far.

Assist RR aims to relieve the poverty of innocent victims in war-ravaged areas of Sri Lanka by assisting and enhancing their livelihood. By raising funds they can provide direct support to many who are desperately trying to rebuild their lives, in a structured and sustainable way.

People in these areas were displaced many times during the final phase of the civil war and many have spent significant amounts of time in refugee camps since the war has come to an end. They are now facing extreme hardship whilst trying to resettle in their villages due to lack of assistance. They are being housed in tents with scant water and toilet facilities and are reliant on hand-outs without much work or job opportunities. Children are learning outdoors or in temporary shelters, as most of the pre-school and primary school buildings were destroyed during the war. Assist RR is working hard to relieve the resultant widespread poverty by providing funds for victims to start their own sustainable livelihood projects. They continue to provide poultry, goats, fishing nets, water pumps, roofing, bricks and mortar and direct medical interventions. This month they will fund over 100 cataract operations alone. They are also helping to improve the education of children affected by the war by providing shelters and rebuilding schools, and by providing library facilities throughout a network of villages.

To raise money there are a number of things your children can do throughout the week. We will encourage them to bring in any 'spare' copper coins for the Copper Chaos Competition in order to help cover the stage in the Junior School Hall and there will be the much-anticipated annual 'Monitors v Staff' football match (50p entrance fee for spectators). Perhaps the most exciting part of the week occurs during break time on Thursday and Friday, when the entire Junior School will transform the Refectory into a Giant Tuck Shop and enthusiastic Junior School children become experts in extracting cash from Senior School children (and teachers) by selling an abundance of 'fast food' in the form of 'toasties', popcorn, sweets and cakes. Each year group will be asked to bring in certain items to sell, details of which will be given to your child before the end of this week.

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During lunch break on Thursday and Friday, J2-J4 children will also have the opportunity to run a variety of activities that may include raffles, 'Guess the Name of the Teddy', 'How Many Sweets in the Jar' and any other game they can think of (within reason!). If you can help them with their preparations for this, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, on Thursday afternoon, a new addition to Charity Week sees the introduction of the 'Charity Cinema' where children will be able to watch a film in the Bushell Hall for a £1 entry fee.

On Friday, there will be another chance for children to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to our chosen charity and there will be the Junior School Talent Contest, where the children have a chance to shine in an entertainment extravaganza.

Traditionally, the Junior School raises a great deal of money during Charity Week and I'm sure you will want to make Charity Week 2013 every bit as successful as it has been in previous years. I thank you, in advance, for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sarves,

I'm pleased to tell you we broke all previous records, by considerable margins, to make in excess of £6180 for Assist RR. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Junior School to collect a cheque next half term.

Kind regards,

Mark

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## **Solihull School : Solihull Junior School Charity Week**

Dear Parents

Your generosity and efforts, and that of your children, have helped enormously in raising a record sum of at least £6,180 for the Junior School Charity Week. All funds raised will make a very significant difference to the lives of many adults and children in Sri Lanka. Thank you for your exceptional support.

I hope you and your children have a wonderful half term.

Kind Regards

Mark Penney

Head of the Junior School

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