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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you following the first sessions with the children about our INDIA project. These sessions happened just before half term. I also had several responses from parents regarding the fund raising effort (following the last newsletter) and I wanted to make clear exactly how we intend to go about raising the funds.

The Mahamaya project is a joint project between the Derby Diocese Board of Education (DDBE) and ourselves. Our aim is to raise £14,000 over 2018 so that the school in Mahamaya can be completed; including the health centre and the women's empowerment centre. This is a challenging target but the children are very keen to help and get involved.

Between the DDBE, and ourselves we already have approximately £4,000 collected towards the project so that is an excellent start. In order that we do not overburden families we have restricted our charity work this year so that we only have the one focus. This means that for one year we will not be raising funds for the wide range of charities that we have previously supported. This will begin again in 2019.

There will be four main ways of raising money this year:

1. The Dress Down Friday initiative
2. A sponsored event
3. A fun event – possibly jointly organised with the PTA
4. Collections at school events like performances.

In limiting the initiative to four, we hope that parents will not feel compelled to donate but I would like to reiterate that any of these initiatives are voluntary and no one is being forced to give more than they feel that they can afford.

Dress down Fridays – This will start this week on 8th March, Dress Down Friday will be on **Thursday for this week only** due to school photos happening on Friday. The suggested donation is £10 but some may wish to give more and some less. Whether or not you donate, your child is welcome to participate – this is all about encouraging charitable giving. There have been a small number of parents expressing their concern about the initiative and I would reiterate that no one is under pressure to participate. I have also talked to the children about how it is 'Dress Down Friday' and not 'Dress Up Friday'. We want the children to be comfortable and enjoy the experience. This will not happen again next year – it is solely for this specific project.

Sponsored Event – Later in the year, we will have a sponsored event that all children will be encouraged to participate in. The International Committee will decide what format this will take and more information will follow.

A fun event – In the summer we will be having an event to help raise funds. A number of different events have been suggested but again the International Committee will be responsible for deciding what sort of event that it will be.

Collections – In past years, we have had collections after performances across the school year. In recent years, we have raised money for Rainbows children's hospice but for this year, all money raised will go towards the Mahamaya project.

Please join the whole of our Scargill Family in helping this project – if we all do a little, it will have a massive impact. We will have a totalizer in the new hall to keep the children informed of our progress and I will include this in future newsletters.

With Dress Down Friday beginning this week (**Thursday**), please send in your donations to help with the Mahamaya project. There will be collection boxes in each classroom. It will be great to take a massive step towards reaching our goal. If all children and staff donate £10 then we will raise over £4,000 and we will be over half way to our target. However, please feel free to either take part with donating less or indeed not taking part at all – the choice is yours.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Poole
Headteacher