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Dear Parents/ Carers

Hurricane Melissa Disaster

As many of you may be aware, millions of people in Jamaica and across the Caribbean are facing massive impact from Hurricane Melissa. Jamaica was declared as a 'disaster area' on 28th October. Much of the island was without communication, with many homes destroyed or under water.

To date, many aid agencies such as the Red Cross have set up disaster funds to support families who have been affected by this tragedy.

As a school, we have many families and staff who have also been affected by the impact of the disaster and we would like to extend our heartfelt thoughts for anyone who has been affected by this dreadful issue.

We will be holding an assembly next week to reflect with the children about this terrible situation and give them the opportunity to think about those families who have been affected by the disaster and tie a ribbon on our school reflection wall. Class teachers and your children's trusted adults in school will also be able to work with your children if they need further support.

To further support families affected, we have decided this term to share our fund raising between Children in Need and the Hurricane Melissa Red Cross Disaster Fund. We are asking for a donation of £1 from each child in school which you can pay using the MCAS app. Please feel free to donate more if you can. This will be set up for you to donate from Monday 10th November onwards.

Finally, I would like to reiterate our deepest sympathy for those families who have been affected by this tragedy and other atrocities that have been occurring across the world. I hope it brings some comfort to everyone that you are in our thoughts at Barford. If any parents would like any support from the school about this issue or any other issues, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Janagal- our Pastoral Lead.



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