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Dear Parent/Carer

At school we are continuing to work hard to continue our journey of improvement. A central aspect of this is developing our school values across everything that we do. Our values are **H**onesty, **E**mpathy, **A**spiration, **R**esilience and **T**eamwork. We believe that these values ensure growth, development and opportunities to thrive for everyone.

Our links with the community are important to us. Recently, we have worked with several external companies to provide exciting opportunities for our students. The BBC bitesize roadshow has visited us twice this term encouraging writing and storytelling skills alongside careers and aspirations. We work regularly with our local primary schools and post 16 providers. Students are involved in creative experiences led by national companies and learn about the importance of completing projects and being resilient. There are many more examples which you can see every half term in our *Graham Gazette* and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

In line with developing empathy and an appreciation of those things experienced by others, we have decided to organise some events to raise awareness around the current situation in Ukraine. Students have been asking questions about the conflict and are interested in learning more. Next week we will be focusing on this in school.

On Friday 1 April, we would like to invite all students and staff to wear clothes in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, blue and / or yellow. If, on that day, anyone would like to donate money we will collect it however that will be completely optional. Any money raised will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine appeal. Further details are here: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

We are also going to create some blue and yellow displays at school, to show our empathy with those affected by the conflict. We will invite all students to take part.

Finally, we are linking with the 'Stand with Ukraine' appeal. This appeal is collecting items suitable for those who are affected by the conflict. If you feel able to donate something, we would be very grateful and will be collecting items at reception. Suitable items are shown on the reverse of this letter.

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How can you help



clothing	Wet wipes
Warm/thermal clothing	First aid kits
Children's & baby clothing	Bandages & dressings
	Candles
	Torches
	Metal cups
	Batteries
	Crayons
	Toys
	Food
	Long-life foods
	Instant soup
	Instant oats
	Energy bars
	Dried fruit
	Pasta & rice
	Coffee & tea
	Chocolate
	Baby food

Please bring donations into school and leave with reception or the school office.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We have been very pleased with the continued progress being made by your children and their school. Please look out for our Graham Gazette as usual at the end of this term and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions at all.

Yours faithfully

Emma Robins
Principal