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Dear Parents,

At school we have been thinking about the desperate situation in Ukraine. As part of the Christian value of 'Compassion', the school council decided we wanted to help refugees fleeing the conflict. We have decided to raise money for the charity UNICEF.



£46 could help provide a family with an emergency water and hygiene kit.



£80 could help pay for school supplies to help at least 20 children continue their education in an emergency.

We have decided to have a special fundraising day on Friday 11th March. Please can you **donate cakes, and books and toys in good condition for us to sell after school**. Please can any donations be brought to school on Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March. PLEASE come to our sale after school on Friday 11 – we want to try to sell everything that is donated! We will also have a **non-uniform day on Friday 11 March**. We really appreciate any support you can offer!

Yours sincerely,

School Council

What's happening in Ukraine?

Ukraine and Russia have a lot of unsettled history. The two countries used to be part of the Soviet Union, from 1922-1991. Some Ukrainians want their country to have closer ties to the western countries, but others want it to have closer ties to Russia. Over the past few days, Russia have launched a wave of attacks on Ukraine with Russian forces launched a major military assault on Ukraine on Thursday morning.



Pictured above: Ukraine in orange and Russia in Green

How are Ukraine's neighbouring countries helping?

Countries who share a border with Ukraine have been preparing for the arrival of refugees. Maia Sandu, Moldova's president said she was prepared to help Ukrainian refugees. Slovakia, Hungary and Poland have also said they are ready to welcome refugees and are sending extra troops to manage people arriving at crossings set up on their borders with Ukraine.

How are the UK and wider world helping Ukraine?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced sanctions to have a negative impact on the Russian economy and he's said that the UK was one of the first countries in Europe to send defensive weapons to help Ukraine.

There are many charities that are offering support including **UNICEF**, who are working across eastern Ukraine to deliver life-saving programmes for children. **Sunflower of Peace** is another charity who are helping paramedics and doctors, and have been fundraising for supplies, which include medical backpacks.

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