

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**RE: Teacher Visit to the Broadclyst & Westclyst Ethiopian Link Schools**

Dear Parent,

You may remember that last year we had planned to send a group of teachers to visit our two partner schools in Ethiopia, however, a State of Emergency was declared and we decided to postpone the trip for the safety of our staff.

We were not planning to send teachers to Ethiopia this year due to the uncertainty however, we have the pleasant, unexpected opportunity to go ahead with the trip. This Easter, three teachers will be going to Ethiopia to work with the schools we are partnered with. Broadclyst School has maintained a successful partnership with Bekumsa Biya, a primary school in Nekemte, Ethiopia for the past eight years and we have now formed a partnership between Westclyst and a new school called Birka Jato.

Samantha Pearson, Joanne Illidge and Hannah Lyons will be travelling to Ethiopia over the Easter holidays, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April. This link has had real benefits to the children here, as they connect with the children abroad and share their work whilst massively benefiting the schools in Ethiopia.

In previous years we have secured a grant that has enabled these visits. However, this has not been possible this year and so we need to fundraise the full amount. Last year we held a number of fundraising events and raised just under £2000, and we will be holding a few more next week to increase the total of funds.



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

For a donation of £2.00 via [Wisepay](#) your child can wear a coloured tshirt or top containing one or more of the colours from the Ethiopian flag (Green, Yellow, Red or Blue).

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

By making a donation of £3.00 via [Wisepay](#), your child will have the opportunity to design a Cornerstone/Ethiopia partnership themed t-shirt that the teachers will wear when they are in Ethiopia. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a t-shirt.

The children will create their design in school on Tuesday and Chloe Farrant will select three from Early Years, three from KS1 and three from KS2. These will be posted on Facebook with a poll for you to vote for the winners.



We really hope that you will be able to support the forthcoming events and that your children will enjoy learning about Ethiopia, sharing their work with the children in these schools and participating in the fundraising.

Please contact Alex Pulfer [alexandra.pulfer@tcat.education](mailto:alexandra.pulfer@tcat.education) with any questions. Updates will be posted on the BCPS website and Facebook page and you can donate online via 'gogetfunding' [here](#)

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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