



## Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

We are writing to inform you of a special **Eid festival day** that Year 5 will be taking part in on **Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a whole day of activities, culminating in an Eid feast of authentic finger foods, made by our Lydgate Junior School community of mothers. Our parental community has links with Libya, Mauritius, Turkey, Morocco, Yemen, Jordan, Somalia, Kurdistan and Pakistan and we are very lucky to have a great team of helpers that have volunteered to support this day and help run activities.

As part of the Eid day and as a **Rights Respecting School**, Year 5 will be raising money to support a charity called Families for Relief. We hope to raise money by:

- **Donating bags of used clothes** which can be sent in containers to countries in crisis.
- **Giving a pound** to wear 'best' clothes to celebrate Eid, which is traditional for Eid celebrations. This money will be used to support the rebuilding of an orphanage in the Gambia, home to 250 children, which recently burned to the ground leaving the children homeless. We are hoping to raise £600 towards the cost of building the well that will be attached to the new orphanage. Payments for this can be made on ParentPay.
- Bringing in **50p** to buy & decorate a cookie, on the day.

Donations of clothing can be brought into school during the first week back after the Easter holidays – and these will be collected on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April by Mr Gooljar - an ex Lydgate parent who runs the Families Relief charity and has been part of inter-faith work in Sheffield for many years.

The food provided on the day will be cooked at home by our parent helpers. The food will be nut and sesame free, however since these are ingredients commonly used in home kitchens, we cannot 100% guarantee that there will be no traces of nuts or sesame. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any allergy concerns.



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The children will all be given an opportunity to have a henna pattern drawn on their hands, as part of our activities. Again, please speak to your class teacher if there is any reason why this could be a problem for your child.

And if any parents want to contribute to the food and/or volunteer to help on the day, again please let the class teacher know.

Yours sincerely,  
The Y5 team

### **Families Relief Charity – Gambia orphanage appeal**

