

## **RE: Project Paddington – Doing our Part to Comfort Millions of Displaced Children**

Dear Parents,

You will no doubt be aware of the growing humanitarian crisis amongst refugees and displaced people. Project Paddington has been developed by a group of Sheffield mums for children in response to this crisis. Project Paddington plans to send teddy bears to refugee children with notes and pictures from UK children, showing that we care. Project Paddington started as a small project involving Sheffield groups, but overnight the word spread and the Project Paddington group now has more than 4,500 members nationwide!

Dore Primary School would like our children to get involved in the hope that we can draw attention to the plight of those escaping conflict zones. This is purely voluntary, but if you would like to get your children involved and donate their teddies, then below are details of how you can help:

### **How you can help:**

- **Find a teddy and make sure it is washed. (Please only small to medium sized bears as these need to be easily transported overseas.)**
- **Get your child to name the bear and write a note to show cuddles and kindness to the child who will receive the bear.**
- **Bring the bear along with the note into school. The note needs to be laminated and tied around the bear's neck. If you don't have access to laminating, then we will laminate the note for you.**
- **The bear needs to be able to get to the places where children need them most - in refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Greece so please bring a suggested minimum donation of £3 with your bear. This will cover the cost of laminating and transport and provide a small donation to TearFund – the registered partner charity. Of course you can donate more and this money will go direct to the charity.**
- **We will be running Project Paddington Week starting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, where every day, the infant mobile will be open from 08.30am-9.00am and then again from 3.00pm - 3.30pm to allow you to drop off your teddy, note and donation.**

### **Please note:**

- Only 1 teddy per child please and we can't accept donations of clothes or other supplies.
- Whilst the school is supporting this Project, this is being run by parents, so please do not bring the bears into the school office or hand them to teachers. All bears must be dropped at the infant mobile at the designated times.
- For any questions about Project Paddington, please contact one of our parent coordinators:

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We thank you very much for your support and let's hope we can make a difference to a child's life. For more information about Project Paddington, please visit [www.projectpaddington.com](http://www.projectpaddington.com)