

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

part of *St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust*

"Lord be thy word my rule."

Principal: Mrs H. Rigby BSc(Hons), PGCE, NPQH

Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1EL

Telephone: 01782 367267

Email: office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk



Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

CAFOD Fundraising **Marathon Training/ Big Lent Walk 2026**

During this season of Lent, we reflect on and act upon how we are called to be pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

Following last year's wonderful success, St John's has once again signed up to take part in this year's CAFOD Big Lent Walk. This is a meaningful opportunity to live out Catholic Social Teaching in a practical and powerful way.

As a school community, we are challenging ourselves to walk a total of at least 200km, which we will achieve collectively. The Big Lent Walk will take place in the last week of term and The Evangelists will coordinate and lead the activities, which will also include time for personal reflection at special 'stations' along the way.

In addition, Mr Sigley will be taking part in the London Marathon this April to also raise funds for CAFOD. **On Wednesday 18th March**, he and the children will be running laps of the playground or field (weather dependent) to support his training efforts. This will be a non-uniform day (all children to wear clothes appropriate for the sporting activity), and we kindly ask for a £1 donation (please bring in on the day), which will also go towards supporting CAFOD.

We would be truly grateful for any donations. The money raised will support CAFOD's work to help communities around the world overcome poverty. Please consider asking friends and family to sponsor you or make a donation by sharing the link below.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-johns-fundraising-page632>

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby
Principal