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Support for Ukraine

Dear Eastway Families,

The ever-developing situation in Ukraine continues to cause many worry and concern. There is a feeling of helplessness, watching this crisis from a distance.

From speaking to children, families and colleagues, lots of people are clearly finding it harder to accept reassurances/support being offered with this coming straight after the pandemic, which turned out to be something much more than first envisaged.

We thank you all for your support and for those who were able to donate to our appeal for emergency supplies to be sent to those in need. We are no longer collecting any items and there are now a number of organisations overseeing this and coordinating what is needed and how they can gather resources.

The Disasters Emergency Committee have launched a Ukraine appeal and money will be matched by the UK government. The DEC brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas. If you want to do something to help, find more information from the DEC appeal.

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Our children have taken part in Zoom assembly today for children collectively sing together, Lean On Me, showing their support for Ukraine. AmaSing, who have arranged this event, have set up a "Just Giving" Page for the DEC Humanitarian Appeal, which is now live and ready to receive donations.

www.justgiving.com/AmaSingUkraine

As a school, we will continue to ensure that our children are educated and spoken to about all current affairs as part of our school curriculum, in an age appropriate and sensitive manner. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher. I am sharing these different links and documents in the hope they can help to support our families when talking about the terrible situation Ukraine. They have come from various sources, all approved for sharing with children. Additional training and high quality, approved resources have also been provided for all our staff and our Mental Health Leads have had extra, more specific training.

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner, has written about [why we should not hide children from what is happening](#), while TES have an article on '[what everyone in school needs to know about grief](#)'. Compassion, kindness and generosity is what we continue to promote as school community and our children are always so keen to be involved and help those in need. Please click the underlined text if you would like further information.

- Support to explain the difficult concepts associated with the conflict - news delivery designed for children and young people and provided by Newsround. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>
- Advice for children and young people if they are upset by the news - provided by Newsround. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>
- [‘A delicate balance’: experts’ tips on dealing with Ukraine anxiety in children | Children | The Guardian](#)
- <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>
- <https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/how-to-talk-with-students-about-the-russia-ukraine-war-5-teaching-tips/2022/02>
- <https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>
- [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

NON-UNIFORM DAY, FRIDAY 18th MARCH

As you will be aware, next Friday is Red Nose day where children will be able to come to school dressed as a hero rather than their usual school uniform, to support Comic Relief. Also, across the country on Wednesday 16th March, schools are being encouraged to take part in a Day for Ukraine. It's being organised by [First News](#) in partnership with the [Disasters Emergency Committee \(DEC\)](#), to raise funds for their appeal. Pupils are asked to wear blue and yellow and donate a £1, if they can.

As we are already supporting Comic Relief next week we have decided to give our children and families the option for **Friday 18th March** only.

Your child can:



Dress as a hero - any kind of hero: a super hero, doctor, Granddad, ... you name it!

Alternatively, if your child would like to show support for Ukraine, they can dress in blue and yellow to reflect this.



During the day, class teachers will share age appropriate information about the work Comic Relief does and what is happening in Ukraine.

We will share any donations given on Friday equally between [Comic Relief](#) and [DEC Ukraine School Appeal](#). If however, you would prefer your donation to go to just one of these charities, please notify the school office. We will have buckets on the gate in the morning for cash donations or you can use the text message service or online links for both charities, click the underlined text above.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morris

Headteacher