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Dear Parents,

Van Earthquake Appeal

We are sure that you must have heard of the terrible earthquake which happened near to the city of Van on Sunday afternoon. AKUT, the Turkish Search and Rescue organisation have so far sent 174 volunteers plus a 24 man rescue management team to the area to help in the search for survivors. AKUT also sent a team to Japan last year to help out in the disaster which struck there. Those people who have survived are facing freezing conditions at night and are desperately in need of warm clothing, shoes and blankets.

The PTA and Senior Leadership Team of the school would like to do something to alleviate the suffering of the people of Van. We will be trying to help in two ways:

1. With a collection of clothing, shoes and blankets.
2. With a donation which we will make directly to AKUT. This donation will be supplemented by 2000TL which the PTA are donating from their charity funds.

We have a contact who works with Pfizer, they are going to transport much needed clothing to the area on Friday. If you have any spare warm, clean clothing, shoes or blankets in good condition that you can donate to the people of Van, please help by sending any items to the school by Thursday the 27th of October at the latest. We will arrange for the clothing to be sent to Pfizer on Thursday afternoon ready for it to be transported to Van on Friday.

On Friday both the Primary and Secondary schools are having a Halloween costume day. We will not be charging for students coming to school dressed in costume but we would like to request donations from everyone who is dressed in costume that day.

Primary students can give their donations to their class teacher on Friday morning; Secondary can give their donations to their Form Teacher. There will be a collection box at reception where donations can also be made. The amount collected will be counted on Friday and the donation made on Monday.

It doesn't matter how much or how little you can afford to give in terms of clothing, and it doesn't matter how much you want to donate for your child to come into school dressed up on Friday.

Please help us to help the people of Van.

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