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Dear Parents

Our Romanian link and an opportunity for you to be part of it!

Avondale has always valued charitable work incredibly highly. Each year the student council are instrumental in organising fundraising events that not only draw the school community together, but further extend the school's ethos of giving to the less fortunate.

More recently we have looked to make things more authentic by focusing our energies in one area throughout the year- we have streamlined charity events to one a term in aid of the work of New Generation Impact, a Christian charity that, amongst other things, supports orphaned children in Romania. <http://www.newgenerationimpact.ro/jm/en/>

Complementing this focus, the school has recently purchased a property in the San Petru area of Brasov that will be visited by our older children in a holiday period each year. Our children will have the opportunity to see first-hand the difference that their energies are making in the lives of children in a number of orphanages there. The week long trip will see the team spend time in a Romanian school and there will be a number of excursions shared with orphaned children across the wider Brasov area. With the help of the student council, funds raised from future charity events at Avondale will address areas of need that will be identified whilst visiting the orphanages.

Furthermore, Avondale School will continue to support orphaned children in Romania by providing an incentive for excelling in school there. In the final four weeks of the Summer Term each year, a small number of orphaned children who have chosen to excel, will be brought across to the UK to spend time at Avondale, to better their English skills and spend time with respective families. They will also have the opportunity to attend the week long PGL activity week on the Isle of Wight.

Further ways we are able to make a difference

ICT resources in Romanian orphanages are somewhat in need of repair and there are very few computers available to service large groups of children. Avondale has recently upgraded its ICT facilities and our older computers will be moved across to respective orphanages in the early part of December.

Donations of clothing and BIKES

Should you have any clothing or bikes that your children have outgrown, that you would like to donate, please may we encourage you to bring them into school by Friday 5 December. They will go across to Romania with our computers and shoeboxes.



The Christmas Shoebox Appeal

For those parents who have had an association with Avondale for an extended period, you will know that we have regularly supported the Trussell Trust Shoebox Appeal at Christmas each year, serving disadvantaged families in Bulgaria. With our new focus moving forward, we have chosen to discontinue this association, in view of making the act of giving more authentic for our children.

This year the shoebox appeal will benefit the children in orphanages in Romania; the group travelling out at Easter will be able to see the impact that they have had. Our aim is to reach out to 82 children in three orphanages. With 135 children at Avondale we are confident that we can reach this target. Please find attached a leaflet giving further details; simply choose a shoebox and cover the box and lid in wrapping paper. Fill it with goodies for either a boy or a girl of a specific age and seal it with either a oddslot rubber band or ribbon. Shoeboxes should be returned to school by Friday 5 December; they will go over to Romania the following day.

Autumn Term Charity Event- Spellathon, Thursday 4 December

We want the bulk of charity events to have some educational value to them. In this respect, there will be further information going home shortly regarding a Spellathon, planned for Thursday 4 December. This will be organised by the student council. Our aim this term is to not only raise spelling standards across the school, but also raise £1000 to spend on a project within respective orphanages; *(the subject of this will be confirmed after the team return from the Easter exchange)*.

DATE FOR THE DIARY- Friday 5 December- deadline for all shoeboxes, clothing and bikes.

Your support for each of these initiatives would be greatly appreciated. Not only will orphaned children benefit, but our own children will see the impact we have made as a school!

Yours sincerely

Stuart Watson