



DMAT Website Article from Mellis CE Primary December 2019

'Faith, Hope and Charity'

'For God Loves a Cheerful Giver!'

2 Corinthians 9:7

It's often the case that schools are a key but possibly understated source of support for many charities. Mellis is no different in this regard, but we recently decided that we wanted to celebrate the School's work in supporting charity across the year by having a big display in the hall. Nothing new in that, but in doing so what was a slight surprise was to see the amount of different charities that Mellis supports, and the degree to which this is part of day to day life within the School across the year. These include:

- 'Coppers for Pudsey Bear' (Children In Need) – where we 'colour in' with copper coins a giant picture of Pudsey Bear painted by the staff of the School!
- Termly collection drives for the Waveny Foodbank in collaboration with our local Church – for harvest we collected in 55kg of food and appeared in the local newspaper!
- Collections for the Poppy Appeal to tie in with annual service of Remembrance
- Support for the 'Hands at Work' (Africa) Christian charity, and in particular the Mopusa School to which we send basic school equipment such as pencils and rulers, not to mention footballs!



The children of the School themselves are very proactive in this regard. The School Council is putting on a Christmas Fayre for the pupils of the School, with proceeds going to the Group B Strep charity. Meanwhile Year 4 are baking some super Christmas cakes, and selling these off to parents via a 'blind' auction for the same charity. This is a cause very relevant to a couple of our children, who were very ill with this condition when they were younger – they briefed their classmates about it all before they all got into mixing, stirring and baking! Well done them!

