



Information for Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for getting involved with this event. We wanted to think of something that was achievable and easy to manage but that also ensured that the children could feel actively involved. We were delighted that Brian Moses agreed to adapt his poem Friendship Bench especially for the event and that Jacqueline Bissett created the logo for us and they both did this with a deadline of one night!

Everyone will know the disaster that has hit Nepal and it is believed that in excess of 10 000 people will have lost their lives. Some of you will know that Sussex University was already trying to help children in Nepal by creating recordings of stories written in English and then sending the recordings and the books directly to schools. State education in Nepal was already in a dire state and one of the best hopes for a job for Nepalese people is to be able to speak English. Since the disaster, many children's lives will be in an even more critical state, so we need to help and make a difference.

So, the event is simple. We have provided a copy of the poem for you and we would like as many people as possible to get involved. Ask the children to try to get as many sponsors as possible and they can learn just a verse or the whole poem.

Once your child or grandchild has learnt the poem and gathered the sponsors then you could always arrange a reading at home, or record it. We would love you to video the recital so we can perhaps make a video to send to Nepal to show the children what we are doing for them. If you do video the recital then please send your videos to j.trogenza@sussex.ac.uk.

We have set up a Just Giving Page to try to make payments as simple as possible:

<http://www.pennyappeal.org/appeal/nepal-earthquake-appeal/>

There is also a text number you can donate to, text the code CCMD99 to 70070

Thank you all for your time and support.

The University of Sussex ITC team.