

Ukraine Crisis Appeal during LENT

School in a Bag



262 million children around the world do not have access to education

School in a Bag is an initiative that delivers attractive bright red rucksacks full of stationery resources to poor orphan, vulnerable and disaster-affected children globally.

Luke Simon founded the Charity as the Piers Simon Appeal (PSA) in 2005 shortly after his brother Piers lost his life in the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami.

In 2008 the PSA were invited to join the disaster relief charity Shelter Box and they became part of a joint project to send school equipment to Swaziland. In 2011 PSA decided to take on its own identity and create **School in a Bag** and from then on it has gone from strength to strength. Since its inauguration 140,000 bags have been delivered to 52 countries.

All money has been raised from public donations.

School in a Bag is run by a 4-person team operating from an old converted barn in Chilthorne Domer near Yeovil, Somerset. Diverse groups of volunteers, supporters, partners and donors are giving unstinted time, expertise, enthusiasm, reassurance and faith every step of the way.

School in Bag was born out of disaster (albeit a natural one) so it is not surprising it has set up an Appeal specifically to help Ukrainian Refugees. It works with two existing charities, the Chernobyl Life Line Charity and Te Aud Romania. Both can help to get School Bags to families who have fled Ukraine seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Both are right at the forefront of the Ukrainian Crisis and good communication ensures the bags can be delivered efficiently.

Each completed bag costs £20. We hope this worthwhile appeal will be generously supported. Please donate by cash or cheque (made payable to 'School in a Bag') and give to Mary Daw or Hil Savage, between Ash Wednesday 22 February and Palm Sunday 2 April.

School in a Bag

Filled with essential resources will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves, eat, drink and above all learn.

A typical school bag contains

12 pencils
10 biros
12 colouring pencils
A maths set
A ruler
A pencil case
6 exercise books (lined, squared, plain)
A water bottle
A lunch box containing a Spork



Coffee Morning Saturday 18 March 10am – 12pm in the Parish Room

Tea, coffee and biscuits free but donations will be welcome by cash or cheque
(made payable to School in a Bag)

- Cake stall
- 'New to you' Gift Stall
- Raffle

We will value your donations for the above and volunteers to help on the day.

There will be further details nearer the time but we hope you will put this date
in your diary.