

Hollies have fun & offer their Hands of Friendship to their friends in Uganda!

As many of you will know we have built up close relationships with young children in Uganda since Gerry Hambridge, who was Supervisor at the Hollies for many years, starting making her annual visits to Uganda in 2002 and with your help, we would still like to continue our support by helping the children at St Lawrence Nursery & Primary School, in Kamuli, both in showing our friendship and offering them some financial assistance.

Gerry comes into the Hollies to share with us all her experiences in Uganda and the children are always excited and inspired by her talks, stories, songs and even drama! Do take a look at the display of photos giving lots of information about our friends at St Lawrence, including photos of the children in Kamuli drawing their hands for their friends at the Hollies!

As the children who attend St Lawrence are from poor families and can only pay a small amount of fees, Head Teacher Afuwa struggles to pay the overheads of running the school such as paying the rent so she never has any spare money to buy toys, books or other basic equipment we in the UK take for granted. So this is what any donations we manage to raise are used for.

Next week, we will be doing some art and crafts based on Uganda and Gerry will be coming to talk to the children about their friend's lives in Kamuli. There will be a poster on the door with the days and times if any parents or carers would like to come along to meet Gerry.

Gerry is off to Uganda once again in January for five weeks and will be spending some time working at St Lawrence. With your help we would like to raise more money to purchase some of the following items for the school to keep them moving forward.

The Nursery still needs more benches and desks as well as teaching aids, books and toys. So we are inviting you to offer your personal **Hand of Friendship** by choosing one of the items below that you would like to buy or donate to. Then draw around your child's hand, let them colour it in, write on their name and the chosen item and then bring it into the Hollies with your donation, ASAP or by **30th November** Gerry will attach the hand to the chosen gift, so everyone will know who it was from and will bring a photos back for you if you let her know your email address.

£2 & £3 Toy cars and trucks like the ones Gerry brought in for us to play with.

£4 school bench

£16 classroom desk for 4 children

£2, £3, £4, and £5 for reading and textbooks appropriate to the Ugandan curriculum. Gerry will purchase these from Macmillan's in Kampala

£3, £4, £5 jigsaws, construction toys, games made specifically for the Ugandan children

£3 for a small ball, £15 for a football - all Ugandan children love sport!

Gerry will be sending regular email updates while she is in Uganda and if you would like to receive these emails please email her on **gerrys_Uganda@yahoo.co.uk**