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Dear Dear Parents/Annwyl Rhieni,

Gift for Year 3 pupils

Tomorrow your child will be bringing home a book that has been presented to Durand Primary School, along with all other Primary schools Monmouthshire, specifically for Year 3 pupils. They have been given to the school by the parents of Samuel Barker, a pupil at Osbaston Primary School, Monmouth, who, you may recall, was killed so tragically last year.

We are happy to receive the books on behalf of all the pupils in Year 3 and to send them home. The personal bookmark has a religious message and the book itself both religious and scientific content. Mr and Mrs Barker were keen that all Year 3 pupils receive this gift in commemoration and celebration of their son, Samuel, whose birthday would have been today.

We do understand however if this gift causes you and your family some discomfort and anxiety due to its overtly Christian nature.

Whilst we are touched by the gesture, we are not a church school and need to be very clear that we are not promoting the religious messages that are contained within the book and the bookmark, nor will we be using these books in school to teach any key religious theories or ideas.

We are respecting the wishes of a very decent family but leave it entirely in your hands as to whether you wish to accept or decline the book. If you feel that the religious tone is too much, then we ask that you return the book and the bookmark to school or let us know in advance that you do not wish your child to receive this gift.

Yours Sincerely / Yn Gywir,

*A. J. Waters*

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